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PROGRAMME OF DEPARTURES.

Vessels.	Tons	H. P.	Captains.	FRIDAY
—NIZAM	2726	500	W. J. Webber	25th Dec. 1885.
L RAVENNA	3372	700	W. J. Nantes	1st Jan.
M BOKHARA	2944	550	H. Weighell	8th "
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—ASSAM	3038	500	S. F. Cole	22nd "
L MIRZAPORE	3887	600	R. Harvey	29th "
M VERONA	3116	600	M. de Horne	5th Feb.
L CATHAY	2263	500	J. P. Hassall	12th "
— GWALIOR	2733	500	P. Harris	19th "
L GANGES	4196	800	E. Stewart	26th "
M AUSTRALIA	3991	600	E. Ashdown	5th Mar.
L NEPAUL	3536	600	F. J. Alderton	12th "
— NIZAM	2726	500	W. J. Webber	19th "
THAMES	4101	800	W. A. Seaton	26th "

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THAMES	4101	800	W. A. Seaton	8th Jan.
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Forms of application and other information can be obtained at the Company's office, No. 6 Hornby Row, Fort, Bombay.

By order of the Directors,
D. M. PETIT, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 18th December, 1885.

SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1885.

JAMASJEE MISTRY of Bombay, Parsee Inhabitant, residing at Hornby Row, within the Fort of Bombay.....Plaintiff.

vs.

JAMSETJEE MANECKJEE BHAGAL of Bombay, Parsee Inhabitant, residing at Koliwadi Lane, within the Fort of Bombay.....Defendant.

WHEREAS by a decree made in the above Suit on the 8th day of September, 1885, it was ordered that the Defendant should pay to the Plaintiff the sum of Rupees three thousand one hundred and fifty-seven, annas five and pies six for debt and interest and the costs of this Suit when taxed and noted in the margin thereof, and further simple interest on the amount of the said Judgment at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the date of the said Decree until payment.

AND WHEREAS by a Warrant of Sale, dated the 30th day of September, 1885, the Sheriff of Bombay was directed to sell the right title and interest of the Defendant in the lands and premises in the said Warrant mentioned, that is to say, all that piece of land, together with the messuage or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate at 3 Marine Lines or Bania-wady outside the Fort of Bombay in the sub-district of Fort, which said land is registered by the Collector of Pension and Tax under new No. 2826 and new Survey No. 2-8323 in the name of Nusservanji Maneckji Cooper, the brother of the said Defendant, and which said hereditaments and premises are assessed under No. 156, and are bounded on the east by the property of Cooverji Dhunjibhai, on the west by the property of Bomanjee Jamasjee Mistry, on the north by the third Marine Lines, and on the south by the second Marine Lines. The said land and the messuage or buildings thereon wholly belongs to the said Defendant, and is of the estimated value of Rupees six thousand or thereabouts.

NOW IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND NOTIFIED that on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of January, 1886, at the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon the Sheriff of Bombay will, under and by virtue of the said Warrant of Sale, put up for sale by Public Auction on the premises to the highest bidder and without reserve the right, title and interest of the said Defendant in the said lands and premises or in so much thereof as may be necessary for the satisfaction of the said Decree.

The following is a list of the rights, charges and claims to which the said lands and premises are supposed to be liable:—

Joint claim of BhimjeePestonjee Ghewalla and Pallonjee Pestonjee Ghewalla, under a Goojrati instrument of mortgage executed by the Defendant on the 21th day of January, 1884, for the sum of Rupees four thousand and interest at the rate of seven and-a-half per cent. per annum from the 24th day of August, 1885, to the 23rd day of January, 1886.

Intimation is given that the Court does not warrant the correctness of the above description of the premises nor the title of the said Defendant to the same or to any interest therein.

Should the said Defendant have no saleable interest whatever in any lot to be sold in accordance with this Proclamation, any sum paid by the purchaser by way of full or part payment for the same will be repayable to the purchaser.

The abovementioned Plaintiff has obtained permission to bid at the sale.

Of the price of the lot one-fourth shall be paid forthwith when the lot is knocked down to a purchaser, the remainder of the purchase money must be paid by the purchaser to the Sheriff on or before the fifteenth day after the sale.

The sale will not become absolute until confirmed by the Court.

In default of payment in whole or in part as above prescribed, any sum paid as deposit will be forfeited to the Government, and the lot will be sold free from any interest therein or in the proceeds thereof of the purchaser.

For further information and conditions of sale application should be made at the office of the Sheriff.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1885.

R. M. SAYANI,
Sheriff of Bombay.

Messrs. Macfarlane and Edgelow, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THOSE Shareholders of the Corporation, who are in favour of the Amendment proposed by the undersigned at the General Meeting of the Shareholders held on the 17th instant, are requested to meet the undersigned on MONDAY, the 21st instant, at 4-30 p. m., at No. 3, Church-street, Fort, (Sir Cowasjee Jehangir's House) to consider and adopt such measures as may be necessary to protect the interests of the Shareholders in reference to what took place at the above-mentioned Meeting.

DORABJEE CURSETJEE SHROFF.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 10th December, 1885.

NO. 8474.—The following Rules have been framed by the Commissioner of Police for the regulation of PUBLIC PROCESSIONS and CARRIAGE and FOOT PASSENGER TRAFFIC at places of public resort and landing-places:—

1. The drivers of all conveyances passing along any public road, street, or thoroughfare, shall, except in such cases as fall under Clause 10 of the Rules, whether there be a tramway line or not, keep to the left or near side unless there be some reasonable cause for divergence, and should pass a tram cart on the left or near side, whether it be going in the same or the contrary directions.

2. The drivers of all conveyances before pulling up in any public road, street or thoroughfare shall give notice of their intention of doing so to the drivers of such conveyances as may be following in the same line of route by raising the hand or otherwise.

3. The drivers of all conveyances shall, unless there be some reasonable cause for not doing so, pull up at the extreme side of the road, street, or thoroughfare along which they are proceeding.

4. The drivers of all conveyances emerging from a cross road into a trunk-road shall rein in and give way to conveyances passing along such road.

5. The drivers of all conveyances shall obey the directions of the Police while regulating the traffic at crossings and on all public roads.

6. The drivers of all conveyances shall on no account pull up athwart a crossing.

7. No horse conveyance shall be driven in any crowded public road, street, or thoroughfare at a pace exceeding six miles an hour.

8. All labour carts and other slow-moving conveyances shall keep as close as possible to the left or near side of public roads, streets, or thoroughfares along which they are proceeding.

9. All conveyances for the carriage of goods and merchandise shall for the purpose of being loaded and unloaded be drawn up parallel with the side of the road and not athwart it.

10. The tramway lines running through the undermentioned roads shall be considered to convert them into two, forming a road on each side which will be treated as separate roads:—

1. Hornby Row.
2. Carnac Road.
3. Cruickshank Road.

11. All boats plying for hire, and all boats waiting to convey passengers from any bunder shall lie at a distance not less than 20 yards from the landing-place.

12. No person or persons shall occupy any portion of any public road, street or thoroughfare so as to cause obstruction to traffic.

13. No person shall walk along a carriage way where a good foot-path exists.

14. The drivers of all public conveyances should have their two lamps lit as soon as it gets dusk and these should not be extinguished in the public thoroughfares except when the vehicle is at a public stand.

By order of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

C. G. W. MACPHERSON,
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Bombay, 17th December, 1885.

THE PAREL SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Mill premises at Parell, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of December 1885, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 30th June, 1885.

2. To confirm the appointment made by the Board of Mr. H. F. Soares as Director.

3. To elect Directors in the room of those who go out by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, and also to appoint additional Directors.

4. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year and fix their remuneration.

The Transfer Books will be closed from 16th to 23rd December, 1885, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
PREMCHUND ROYCHUND & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 12th December, 1885.

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TO BE SOLD, at Bennett's Auction Rooms, TO-DAY, at 4 p. m., the pucca-built BUNGALOW, situated at Mahableshwar, known as General Barr's House.

CHINA PRESERVES for Xmas—Rose Lachee, Black and Red Dates, China Chestnuts, China Preserves in Jars.—PESTONJEE SORABJEE & Co., No. 35, Meadow-street.

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£6,466,527-17-5 STG. is the amount of the Invested Capital in Office. Claims by Shareholders paid half-year. 6549,974-10-10 Stg.

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" Overland Summary,
" Weekly Budget,
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[illegible]liament East-street, Poona.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & CO.,
No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREETS.

OFFICE FURNITURE, SAMPLES, &c.

On WEDNESDAY, the 23rd December, 1885, at 2 p.m., Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their sale rooms, the same comprising Samples of buttons, fancy Xmas boxes, brushes, corks, clocks, Writing-tables, chairs, sample tables, glass-door cupboards, S. & D. screens, marble mortar, iron and wooden boxes, wall brackets with shades, China slabs, &c.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 21st December, 1885.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

AUCTION SALE OF SCRAP IRON AND IRON TYRE RINGS.

Messrs. MENESSE and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst., at 2 p.m., at the G. I. P. Railway Stores Depôt, Parel, opposite to the B. B. and C. I. Railway Parel Station.

About 500 tons of mixed scrap iron and 250 tons of iron tyre retaining rings in convenient lots.

The above can be seen on application to the storekeeper, on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will hold their usual weekly Auction sale at their rooms, of a quantity of grey & coloured piece-goods, twist, &c:—

5 cases French cretons.
1 ,, superfine black woollen cloth
4 casks brass wire
10 cases green colour
2 ,, assorted soaps
5 cases gold embroidered gauze.
10 cases eau de cologne.
1 case cut glass drops.
5 bales brown papers.
10 casks whitings.

MENESSE & CO.

Bombay, 21st December, 1885.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 5, APOLLO-STREET.

AUCTION SALE of a large bungalow, situated at Mahableshwar, and known as "General Barr's House."

THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 21st inst., at 4 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at their room, the pucca-built bungalow known as "General Barr's House," situated at Mahableshwar, containing by admeasurement 7 acres and 5 goontas. It has one drawing and one dining room, 4 bed rooms and bath room and 4 dressing rooms with outhouses.

The bungalow commands a very beautiful view of the hill. It has fresh water spring in the compound and has been newly repaired last season.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned,

AUCTION SALE OF ENGLISH-MADE JEWELLERY.

On WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant at 3 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their rooms, a lot of English-made jewellery, consisting of gold and silver ear-rings, lockets, brooches, bracelets, rings, &c., &c.

The above is now on view.

On WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Chowpatty, the valuable and handsome plain and carved household furniture, best plated ware, rich crockery and glassware, handsome pictures and oleographs, rich table ornaments, handsome China and Japanese vases, a handsome strong English-built broughham by Windover, one handsome strong English-built dog-cart by Windover, a handsome strong new grey Arab horse, a set of plated and brass mounted harness, &c., &c., the property of Dinshaw Nusserwanjee Vakeel, Esq.

The same comprises rich plain glasswares, handsome dinner, dessert and breakfast services, plated ware, such as vegetable dishes, cruet, pickle and liqueur stands, ice pitcher, breakfast companion, tea set, teapot a set of spoons and forks, cutlery, &c., handsome blackwood and teakwood French-polished plain and carved household furniture, such as a set of dining table in two pieces, sideboard, dumb-waiter, whatnot, dining room chairs, handsome circular, tables and teapoys with marble top, side, revolving and writing tables, easy folding, reclining and drawing room chairs, conversation and settee couches, chiffonier corner cabinets, rich Brussel and velvet carpets, fancy flower vases and table ornaments, handsome table and hanging kerosine lamps, Japanese flower vases first, rate oleographs in gilt frame, handsome blackwood four-post bedstead, almira with plate glass door, wardrobe in two pieces, dressing and washing tables with marble tops towel horses, gownstand, large size earthen jars, a collection of choice plants in tubs and pots, &c.

Catalogues are published and the property in view.

BENNETT & CO.

Bombay, 21st December, 1885.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
7, MARINE-STREET, BOMBAY.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 21st inst., at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their rooms,

10 bales grey shirtings.
10 ,, dhoties.
10 cases prints.
7 ,, gurgapats.
3 ,, iron bedsteads.
71 pieces silk gauze.
20 ,, black French merinoes.
25 ,, silk velvet.
41 ,, spot silk.
30 ,, French satins.
12 ,, superfine woollen cloth.

On account of the concerned.

Ex. s. s. Sorrento.

156 kegs iron nails.

A quantity of household furniture consisting of dining-table, sideboard, whatnot, bookstand, iron bedstead, dressing table with glass attached iron bedstead, Almyra, wardrobe, bedroom chairs, marble topped teapoy, bent-wood chairs, wash-hand table with furniture, &c.

On account and at the risk of Mahomedally Sumsoodeen—

X 3 1241-2—1 case white gambettas.

On account and at the risk of Sumsoodeen Sultanally—W & Co 7939.—1 cave trouserings.

On account and at the risk of Thackersi Kallianjee—D C D 6,5655-6—1 case white mulls.

On account and at the risk of Jivandas Trikamdas—

K 6959 }
6867 } 3 cases T red shirtings.
6868 }

E 1418-54—1 case T red Cambrics.

On account and at the risk of Esmaljee Moosajee—F T }
F M } 2) anchors ex Britannia.
& Co. }

On account and at the risk of Rahimbhoy Mamoojee—F T }
R M } 17-18—2 cases superior french-polish, ex Arcot.
& Co. }

5709—1 ,, genuine silver leaf.

On account and at the risk of Coovarjee Luckmidas—R. & Co. B 37-40, 1 bale grey in madapollams ex. s. s. Clan Ogilvie.

By order of Rain Sama and on account and at the risk of Bai Coover, widow of Sucoor Lala—1 gold Kaligauthi weighing 14½ tolas.

AT 2 P. M.

1 handsome English built brougham.
1 ,, light victoria.
1 second-hand English built mail phaeton.
1 ,, ,, buggy.
1 strong built office shikram and
Any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

SALE OF SUPERIOR 1ST CLASS TEAK SQUARES AND SCANTLINGS.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., at 4 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at Kassara Bunder to close consignment ex Tantalion, 115 superior 1st class teak squares.

And at Mazagon Darookhaaa,
50 tons superior teak scantlings of various sizes in lots to suit purchasers.

OF COMMISSARIAT STORES, CAMEL SADDLES, &c,

Under instructions from the Executive Commissariat Officer, Ia, CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction at the Commissariat Storekeeper General's stores, [illegible] Barracks, TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., at 12 o'clock noon.

A quantity of Commissariat Stores, 2,966 serviceable camel saddles, [illegible]ions, &c.

On THURSDAY, the 24th inst., sale commencing at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, Elphinstone-road, Parell, opposite the church, near G. I. P. Railway station, the valuable and handsome [illegible] polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture, plated ware, crockery and glass ware, table ornaments, [illegible]ware, table and hanging lamps, pictures, &c., the property of a gentleman.

Full particulars will appear hereafter, and the property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

SALE OF SUPERIOR 1ST CLASS TEAK SCANTLINGS.

On THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at 4 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will by Public Auction at Mazagon Darookhaaa by Q. of Mr. Meerzamul Shewbux.

Ex. s. s. [illegible]una.

200 tons superior 1st class teak scantlings of various sizes marked K L, G S and flower.

In small lots to suit purchasers.

On SATURDAY, the 26th instant, sale commencing at 1 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Fountain Hall, No 299, Parell, behind the Government House, the very valuable and handsome french-polished carved and plain black-wood and teakwood household furniture made to order, best plated ware, rich crockery and glassware, handsome gilt pier tables with pier glasses, handsome 1, 4 and 6 light argand lamps by Tucker, rich table ornament, a mahoca-ny full-sized slate billiard table in first rate order by John Roberts and Co., with balls, cues, marking boards and lamps complete, a handsome English strong dogcart in good order, a hand some nearly new strong mail phaeton, a handsome strong landau, a fox-terrier dog, duplex table and hanging lamps, handsome Brussels and velvet carpets, handsome oleographs and chromolithographs, &c., &c., the property of Homanjee Dhunjeebhoy Mistry, Esq.

Catalogues are ready and the property is on view.

On WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, sale commencing at 1 p. m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Middle Colaba, near the Parsee Sanitarium, the valuable and handsome french-polished blackwood and teakwood carved and plain household furniture, best plated ware, rich crockery and glass-ware, rich table ornaments, handsome flower vases, table and hanging lamps, Brussels carpets, a collection of choice plants in tubs and pots, &c., the property of T. ROGER REAN, Esq.

Full particulars will appear hereafter, and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

CRAWFORD & CO.

Bombay, 21st December, 1885.

A HEAD MISTRESS is required for S. Mary's School, Belgaum, in February next. She must be of unexceptionable character, a member of the Church of England, and capable of teaching up to the higher Governm[illegible] Standards of education. A lady preferred. Salary, Rs. 70 a month, with partly furnished house. Apply to Rev. W. WINGATE, Chaplain of Belgaum.

BRITISH INDIA SALOON BAR,
Hummum-street.

THE PROPRIETOR of the above begs to inform the public of Bombay that he has re-opened the Saloon Bar under the management of a young lady from Paris who has been specially engaged.

The best of Wines and Liquors only kept.
New fittings and furniture.
First-class Billiard Table.

[illegible] EAU DE COLOGNE PARFUM[illegible]

SALES BY AUCTION.

MESSRS. S. SHREECRUSHNAJEE & CO.

SALE of Choice and Valuable Oleographs, &c., &c., in Splendid and Elegant Gilt Black Frames.

By the best artists, without reserve.

On TUESDAY, the 29th instant, Messrs. S. SHREECRUSHNAJEE & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at their Auction-room, at 1 p.m., an invoice of 12 cases Oleographs, comprising following subjects:—

By the River, Sporting, Female Head, Popes, Good News, Flower Gatherers in the Snow Bailing, Mary Queen of Scott, Sir Walter Raleigh, Hay Field, Wine Tester, Duke and Duchess of Albany, Breakfast Time, Courtship, Marriage, Prince and Princess of Wales, On the Rhine, Moss Rose and Primrose, Printer and Setter, Lake Scene, Gamblers at the Well, Madonna, Who Invited you, House of Lords and Commons, Return from Hunting, Town, Country, Question of Love, Moonlight, &c., &c.

Now on view.

S. SHREECRUSHNAJEE & CO.

Bombay, 21st December, 1885.

BOMBAY BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Fancy Fair, Town Hall.
Lecture at the Methodist Church, Grant-road, 8-30 p.m.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived on the 19th:—H. M. S. Serapis, from Portsmouth; and Avondale (s), Sunderland.

VESSELS SAILED.—The following vessels sailed on the 19th:—Merka (s), for Zanzibar; Bhownuggur (s), Bhownuggur; Khiva (s), Hongkong; Clan Buchanan (s), Marseilles; Bancoora (s), Galle; and Roxburgh (s), Kurrachee.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOLS, MAZAGON.—The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Bombay will distribute the prizes at the St. Peter's Boys' School this evening at 6 o'clock.

POSTAL NOTICE.—With effect from the 22nd current the charges on issuing foreign money orders and British postal orders will be regulated by Schedule 20, viz. 1s. 5½d. per rupee.

SUICIDE.—A coroner's inquest was held on Saturday at Marotti-street, Fort, on the body of Meetabai, a Parsee woman, aged 35 years. Deceased had been ailing for the last eighteen months. On Friday evening she poisoned herself with opium. A verdict of suicide was recorded.

GOVERNMENT WORKHOUSE CHRISTMAS DINNER AND POOR-BOX FUND.—Captain Walshe begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, receipt of the following contributions:—Mr. C. P. Cooper, Rs. 10; Mr. J. B. Braddon, R. 10; Mr. H. Curwen, Rs. 10, Mr. G. Reifferscheid, Rs. 5.

A NEW FIRM OF SOLICITORS.—Mr. Dinshah Jeejeebhoy, who was recently admitted as a solicitor of the High Court, has joined Mr. E. Wilkin in business, which will be carried on under the name of Messrs. Wilkin and Dinshah.

ORDINATION.—At an ordination held in Bombay Cathedral yesterday morning by the Bishop of Bombay, the Rev. Mr. Burgess, of Panchgani, was ordained priest, and Mr. Manson, of Poona, deacon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Goldwyer Lewis.

LECTURE.—An amusing and interesting lecture, entitled "Heads and Faces," will be given this evening at 8-30, in the Grant-road Methodist Episcopal Church, by the Rev. Ralph Brown, from Australia. Admission will be free, but a collection will be made for the funds of the church after the lecture.

FRAUDULENT POSSESSION OF PROPERTY.—Harold Wilson, an East Indian lad recently employed in the G. I. P. Railway workshops at Parel, was on Saturday convicted by Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee of having in his possession five files, valued at Rs. 3-8, the property of the company. He was fined Rs. 20, with the alternative of fifteen days' rigorous imprisonment.

FANCY FAIR AT THE TOWN HALL.—The Fancy Fair which is to be held at the Town Hall to-day and on Tuesday and Wednesday, in aid of the Convent Schools and Widows' Home, Byculla, is for so beneficent an object that it is hoped that the good Sisters whose work it is intended to help forward will not be disappointed in their expectation of generous support on the part of the public.

HOUSEBREAKING AND THEFT.—Ebrahim Hassoojee, the proprietor of a brass-foundry at Duncanroad, has reported to the police that his shop has been broken into, and about eight maunds of brass frames and wall-brackets, valued at Rs. 300, stolen.—Ramsing Bodesing, labourer, was on Saturday convicted by Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee of into the house of Noorbai, a woman residing at Parel, and sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment.

NATIVE PIECE-GOODS MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of members of the association was held yesterday afternoon at the new piece-goods bazaar in the market outside the Fort for consideration of the best means to be adopted for the protection of their bill collectors, who are said to have been during the last few days assaulted by budmashes for the purpose of robbery. Mr. Govindjee Thackersey presided. After some discussion, a committee of twenty members was appointed with the object of conferring on the subject with the acting Commissioner of Police.

FOUND DROWNED.—A coroner's inquest was held on Saturday at Dhobie-talao, on the body of Byramjee Pestonjee, aged 55-years. The verdict was that the death of the deceased had been caused by drowning in the Dhobie-talao tank, but under what circumstances there was no evidence to say.—Another inquest was held at Matoonga-road, on the body of Tonea, a woman, aged 30 years. Deceased was a mill-labourer. The verdict was, that the death of the deceased had been caused by her having fallen into a well while drawing water.

PHILOSOPHIC LECTURE.—We hear that a learned Pandit, named Kesavanand Swami, who has been in Bombay for some time, will deliver a lecture in Sanskrit in the Convocation Hall, which has been placed at his disposal by the Syndicate of the University. The Swami is said to be a very learned scholar, being master of more than one of the ancient Hindu philosophic systems, and is, in addition, a man of very liberal and broad views. The lecturer, it is believed, intends to address his countrymen on their present condition and some of the means to be adopted for ameliorating it. The Sanskrit address will be followed by an explanation in the Hindi language.

THE EURASIAN AND ANGLO-INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN INDIA.—An adjourned meeting of the council was held at the office of the Association on Thursday, the 17th inst., Mr. Freeborn, the President, in the chair, in order that the Education Fund may have a fair nucleus to start with, the council made a grant of Rs. 1,200 towards it from the general fund of the Association. There was also a sub-committee appointed to report on the working of the Finance and other sections of the Association, and to consider a letter from the Honorary Secretary on the same subject. The usual vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.—The annual distribution of prizes to the English school at Lower Mahim was held on Saturday evening in the school premises, which were tastefully decorated for the occasion. In the absence of the Papal Delegate, the Rev. J. B. Fernandes presided. The attendance was large. The proceedings opened by the band of the St. Lucius Society playing a lively quadrille; and a drama in two acts, entitled "The Elder Brother," followed. A report, read by the secretary, Mr. D'Abreo, stated that the number of boys in the school was steadily increasing. There were 343 pupils on the rolls in the year under review, as against 295 in the preceding year. The prizes were then distributed, and the meeting dispersed.

ADDRESS TO THE HON. DADABHAI NAOROJI.—An address of congratulation on behalf of the priestly community among the Parsees was presented on Saturday afternoon, in Manockjee Sett's Garden, Fort, to the Hon. Dadabhai Naoroji on his appointment to a seat in the Bombay Legislative Council. Dustoor Jamaspjee Menocherjee presided on the occasion, and there was a very crowded attendance of Parsee priests. The garden grounds were decorated with flags and streamers. Dustoor Jamaspjee opened the proceedings with an eulogy of Mr. Dadabhai's disinterested labours for more than a quarter of a century, and in presenting the address to him, wished him long life, with higher honours and a brighter career. The address was enclosed in an elegant silver casket. It recounted briefly the unselfish character of Mr. Dadabhai's services to his countrymen. In acknowledging thanks, Mr. Dadabhai said he prized the honour greatly as coming from members of his own, the priestly class; remarking that in all that he did he felt that he had simply done his duty. A garland of flowers was placed round Mr. Dadabhai's neck by the worthy Dustoor, and the proceedings terminated with the distribution of bouquets of flowers, pan-soparee, &c.

COLLETT AND COMPANY.

AN extraordinary general meeting of this company was held on Saturday afternoon, when Mr. De Quadros presided. The following special resolution was passed unanimously.

That clause 102 of the articles of association of the company be cancelled, and the following substituted in lieu thereof, viz:—The person or persons who at present constitute or may hereafter constitute the firm of Anthony & Co., of Bombay, shall be secretaries and managers of the company for the term of fifteen years at a remuneration of Rs. 300 per mensem and a commission of 10 per cent. upon the nett profits made by the company, and the directors shall forthwith enter into an agreement to that effect on such terms and conditions as may be deemed advisable, and they shall also have power to increase the remuneration of the secretaries and managers whenever the capital or business of the company be increased.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY.

BOMBAY, December 18.

Means of observations at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah.	29·862
Temperature of the Air	73·7
Wet Bulb Thermometer	66·5
Dew Point	62·7
Relative humidity of Air	·699
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded =8)	0·2
Maximum temperature of air (read at 6 p.m.)	80·7
Minimum do. do. (read at 10 a.m.)	67·9
General Direction of Wind	NE, E, ENE, NNW, N.
Movement of wind in 24 hours*	319

* From midnight to midnight.

THE FOREST COMMISSION.

GUNGADHAR BHASKAR, a Brahmin, engaged in cultivation and money-lending, and residing at Neral, has, at the instance of the Thana Forest Association, given the following evidence before the Forest Commission:—I hold land (suti) in eight villages. I pay assessment to Government about Rs. 700 to Rs. 750, including local funds. I have been appointed by Government a member of the Local Board. I own land in Neral, the assessment of which is Rs. 75. I cultivate seven or eight bighas, i.e., acres, of land myself. All time rest I sublet. Along with the (kharif) land that I hold in Neral there is warkas land entered in my name, and shindal land besides. Shindad lands are comprised in separate numbers. Warkas means grass land. Besides the above there is pot warkas. The Shindad land is entered in my name. I bought this land from Mhars and other people. I have erected cattle sheds in it, and have employed a servant to keep watch over it. I bought the land because rab was insufficient, and because there was no place for cattle-sheds on my estate. I bring rab for the Neral lands from the shindad lands, and if it is not obtainable there I bring it from the large forests. I mean by shindad the tahal that I cut. Every one has his separate shindad land allotted to him. It is long since these shindad lands were separately marked off. They have been allotted from time immemorial. I do not know at what time they were allotted. The shindad lands have now been separately marked off, and entered in my name. The year previous to the warkas survey Mr. Oke selected some shindad lands for reserved forests. One of my shindad pieces was so selected. When the warkas demarcation was made, this piece was not measured and entered in my name. It is known by the name of Ambyachakhanda. Mr. Narayan Balial Oke selected the land for the Forest Department. The shindad lands of five or six other persons, such as Jogiekar and Patil, were similarly selected. I obtain my supply of fuel from the forests. The people of the five villages of Dhamale, Bopele, Kolnar, Jite, and Borle take away firewood and wood for agricultural purposes from the forests of Neral. The people of these five villages fetch tahal from the forests of Neral and gurcharan lands when their supply fails. There are benhadi, i. e., non-forest villages. There is gurcharan set apart for Neral, but I do not know what its area is. The gurcharan land for Neral is sufficient for the village cattle, which consequently resort to the Government forests. Thakurs and Dhangars graze their cattle in the forest of Neral. The people of other villages do not graze their cattle in it. The non-forest villages of Indrad &c., from the Neral forest; but notwithstanding this fact we get enough wood for our wants. As it has been a custom with the people of these villages to take wood from this forest for a long time, we do not look upon it as an encroachment. Two years ago I bought land assessed at Rs. 50 in Dhamoti. In 1881-82 Mr. Robertson began to fell the forest of Neral in order to supply the Bombay trade. When we protested that the cutting of trees in shindad lands would be prejudicial to agriculture, Government appointed a Commission, consisting of Messrs. Ellis, Dazell, and Francis. This committee selected the forest lands over which people had no rights, and to demarcate such lands from other lands in the village they had a strip, twelve cubits wide, cleared between the two. The trees felled were sold by auction, and the money realised was credited to government. Subsequently, in 1873, Mr. N. B. Oke selected more land for forest from shindad allotments. He did not give us any notice of his intention. The warkas survey took place in 1876-77, and again for the third time shindad lands were selected. We received no notice of this either. At present the boundary line of the forest abuts on our fields. Four or five years ago I cut one ain tree which I had bought, in shindad land. Inquiry was made, and I was made to pay the value of the tree—one rupee—and a fine of one rupee. The land in which the tree was standing was in the market of Deon Sahib Mull, and was not at all selected for forest by Mr. Narayan Bawal it was not entered at the time of the warkas survey in his name. When the strip of twelve cubits was cleared on both sides of the forest for candidates, rab from the shindad lands was

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 19.

In the London money market yesterday the rate of discount on 3 months' bills was ¼ lower, while it higher on 6 months, thus bringing both to the same level—3½ per cent. In the Stock Exchange all quotations remain unaltered, Consols 99½ and the 3½ per cent. Sterling Indian Loan at 98¾.

In the General Produce markets in London no movement is advised.

Cotton in Liverpool yesterday closed quiet on the spot, but firmer to arrive. At least so Reuter says; but at the same time, while maintaining previous prices for ready, he reduces arrival quotations 1-32d. in December-January and 1-64d. in all other positions. To-day's market is similarly reported upon, but prices all round are unaltered. In the meantime a fair business is put down for the two days, 8,000 yesterday and 7,000 to-day, of which, however, only 200 and 100 bales, respectively, were Surats. In New York yesterday quotations were unchanged both for ready Cotton and futures; nor is there any alteration in to-day's report.

The weekly figures from Liverpool show an increase in the ready stocks there of 55,000 bales, which still leaves it, however, 49,000 bales under last and 93,000 bales less than the year before. The visible supply for all Europe has increased by 170,000 bales during the week, and is only now 211,000 bales less than the corresponding date last year. The receipts of Cotton at the U. S. ports are still moderate, the total for the week being 23,000 bales below the corresponding week last year; but that this does not mean a proportionately reduced scale of deliveries from the plantations is evident from the stocks in the interior towns having been added to by no less than 49,000 bales, while they were only increased by 5,000 bales in the corresponding interval of 1884. Up to date the receipts at the ports show a decrease of 178,000 bales as compared with last year, although, in reality, more Cotton has actually left the plantations this season than last; but Reuter's information is not full enough to show it. The following extract from the *New York Chronicle* of 14th Nov. shows this very clearly:—

AMOUNT OF COTTON IN SIGHT, NOV. 13.—In the table below we give the receipts from plantations in another form, and add to them the net overland movement to Nov. 1, and also the takings by Southern spinners to the same date, so as to give substantially the amount of cotton now in sight:—

1882.	Receipts at the ports to Nov. 13	1,945,071	227,688	2,172,759	93,287	2,325,906	411,261
1883.	Interior stocks on Nov. 13 in excess of Sept. 1	1,975,899	294,778	2,270,362	126,559	2,456,291	496,065
1884.	Total receipts from plantations	1,961,685	181,755	2,143,740	98,874	2,292,014	349,037
1885.	Net overland to Nov. 1	1,804,980	364,061	2,169,017	153,156	2,322,173	435,512
	Southern consumption to Nov. 1				60,000		
	Total in sight, Nov. 13						
	Northern spinners' takings to Nov. 13.						

It will be seen by the above that the increase in amount in sight to-night, as compared with last year, is 80,159 bales, the decrease as compared with 1883 is 84,018 bales, and the increase over 1882 is 46,607 bales.

The American crop figures to date, as received through Reuter, give the following comparisons with the two previous years:—

	1885.	1884.	1883.
Week's receipts	235,000	258,000	247,000
" exports to U. K.	66,000	89,000	96,000
" Cont.	69,000	87,000	50,000
Total receipt since 1st Sept.	3,142,000	3,310,800	3,198,000
" Exports to U. K. "	934,000	1,141,000	916,000
" " Cont. "	841,000	862,400	733,000
" Stock in the Ports	1,050,000	1,016,000	1,250,000
Saturday's Receipts	38,000	26,000	31,000

The total visible supply of Cotton for all Europe on the 18th inst. affords the following comparisons with the two previous years:—

	1885.	1884.	1883.
Total supply of all kinds	2,870,000	3,081,410	3,244,900
" " Surats	130,000	332,020	323,440

For the United Kingdom only the figures are:—

Stock in Liverpool	480,000	528,850	573,200
" London	16,000	45,000	48,000
American afloat	260,000	307,000	265,000
East Indian "	9,000	21,000	50,000
	765,000	901,850	936,200
Price of Mid-Uplands	5d.	5 13-16d.	5¾d.
" Good Fair Dholleras	4¼d.	4 9-16d.	4¼d.
Difference	¾d.	1¼d.	1½d.

The Cotton market here to-day has been firm, although with very little doing. Exporters are doing nothing, but native dealers are inclined to buy, and would pay Rs. 182 for Good and Rs. 188 for Fully Good Bhownuggurs, April delivery. The following may be given as current quotations to-day:—

	Good.	Fully Good.	Fine.
Bengals ready	160	161	174
Do. dely Jan.	158	162	172
Omra ready	183	188	
Do. dely March	178		
Broach March	207		
Dholleras April	182	187	194

The weather reports from the districts are still unfavourable. In the Berars the rain has ceased, but in the Bengal districts it was still raining heavily this forenoon. There can be no doubt that Bengals and all growths of Omras must have suffered heavily in the matter of quality, and slightly also in quantity, by the rainfall of the past week.

WHEAT is dull at unaltered values, and Seeds are quiet with only a limited export demand.

FREIGHTS remain extremely dull at previous rates. We have not heard of any engagements of importance, and we give the following as nominal current rates:—

	Ready.	Forward.
Liverpool	13-9 wheat (old scale)	21-3 Cotton.
London	13-6 "	21-3 "
[illegible]	(new scale)	

[illegible] in London [illegible] there is [illegible]

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

Ahmedabad S. & W. Company	1,300	1,000	1,000	...	1,375
Albert Edward Cotton Mills Co., Ld.	1,000	500	500	..	445
Anglo-Indian S. & W. Company	30,000	150	100	..	102
Alfred Mnnfg. Co.	1,000	500	500	...	33½
Alliance Cotton & Silk Manufg. Co., Ld.	1,800	1,000	1,000	..	710
Bellary S. & W. Co., Ld.	871	500	all	Rs. 22½	500
Bhownuggur Mills	9,000	100	100	...	94
Bombay United	900	1,000	1,000	...	925
Burar Mfg. Co., Ld.	2,750	200	200	..	170
Central India S. & W. Company	3,000	500	500	Rs. 30	775
Colaba Land & Mill Co.	4,000	700	700	Rs. 17½	715
Connaught Mills	840	500	500	..	647½
Coorla Mills	1,300	1,000	1,000	..	661
City of Bombay	600	1,000	1,000	..	848
Dhurumsey S. & W. Co	3,000	2,000	2,000	..	220
Dhun Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	..	1,000
Empress S. & W. Co.	1,500	50	50	Rs. 25	710
Framji Petit Mfg. Co	1,250	1,000	1,000	..	675
Golam Baba S. Co.	2,000	500	50	..	390
Gordon Mills	1,332	1,000	1,000	..	178
Hindustan Mills	1,200	1,000	1,000	..	885
Hingunghat Mill Co.	700	500	50	..	693
Hydrabad Spinning Co	700	1,000	1,000	Rs. 30	1,035
Imp. Cotton Mills Co.	400	500	500	30	450
Indian Manfg Co. Ld.	588	1,000	1,000	Rs. 30	1,060
Jamps Greaves Mills	100	500	500	..	575
Jaffer Ali Spin. Co.	1,340	500	500	..	450
Jewraz Bhalloo	1,200	1,000	1,000	..	1,095
Khandeish	750	1,000	1,000	Rs. 30	900
Khatao Mackuniee	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	875
Leopold S., Bleaching & Mfg. Co., Ld.	3,500	10	10	Rs. 5	147
Madras United	500	1,000	1,000	160	26.0
Mahaluksmi	650	1,000	1,000	..	695
Manockjee Petit's	4,000	1,000	1,000	..	1,177½
Mazagon Spinning Co	5,000	25	25	..	200
Nowrojee Goculdas	1,150	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	1,515
National Spinning	600	1,000	1,000	..	560
Nigaum Cotton Cleaning Co., Ld.	1,000	100	5	..	100
Narayan Cotton Mills	500	1,000	1,000	..	915
New Great Eastern	1,500	1,000	1,000	..	925
Oriental	5,750	625	625	..	570
Parell S. & W. Co. Ld.	2,000	400	400	...	100
People of India S. & W. Company	1,000	250	250	..	192½
Prince of Wales Spinning Company.	1,250	500	500	..	105
Queen Spinning	800	1,000	1,000	..	750
Ripon	641	1,000	1,000	..	750
Sassoon S. & W. Co.	1,500	1,000	1,000	..	1,550
Sholapore Mills	678	1,000	1,000	Rs. 35	1,340
Soonderdas	550	1,000	1,000	..	655
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Rs. 12½	430
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DONALD—December 20, at Mount Towers, Mazagon, the wife of James Donald, of a son.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

ALEXANDER—December 2, at Prome, British Burmah, the wife of Major George Alexander, Deputy Commissioner, of a daughter.
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LUKER—December 17, at Mount Road, the wife of T Luker, of a son.
POWER—December 16, at Arrah, the wife of A W B Power Esq, C S, of a daughter.
RICHARDSON—December 8, at Bellary, the wife of Lieutenant Richardson, 13th M N I, of a son.
SAKER—December 15, at Calcutta, No 3, Chowringee Lane, the wife of J W Saker, of a son.
STEVENSON—December 9, at Sylhet Assam, the wife of George Stevenson, Bengal Civil Service, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GILMAN—McNAIR—December 14, at Woodstock, Landour, by the Rev J C R Ewing, the Rev Frank P Gilman of Canton, China, to Marian, daughter of Charles B McNair, Esq, of Mount Morris, New York, U S A.
O'MEALY—TAYLER—December 10, at Burdwan, by the Venerable Archdeacon Ailay, William Arthur D'Oyley O'Mealy, Captain, 1st Punjaub Irregular Cavalry, and Adjutant of the Behar Light Horse, to Violet Eliza Caroline, second daughter of Skipwith Henry Churchill Tayler, Bengal Civil Service.
STROUD—SAINT ROMAINE—December 14, at St Paul's Church Asansol, by the Revd F L Wyb-rgh, Edward Stroud, son of the late Captain Charles Stroud, of Fort William, to Sarah Anne, daughter of William Saint Romaine.

DEATH.

HAY—December 14, at Barrackpore, of croup, Thomas James, son of Mr and Mrs John Hay.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1885.

MR. GLADSTONE'S curious assertion that no one knows what his views are in regard to Home Rule for Ireland has been quickly followed by an assertion, no less positive, that the Queen knows what they are, Mr. Gladstone, according o the *Times*, having submitted to Her Majesty plan for the establishment of an Irish Parliament in Dublin. The matter is becoming a little complicated. Last Thursday the *Standard* announced that Mr. Gladstone was willing to concede a separate Parliament to Ireland, at the same time preserving the Union, the rights of the Crown, and the supremacy of the Imperial Parliament. Mr. Gladstone's denial of the accuracy of the statement did not prevent the *Pall Mall* repeating it in another and a more circumstantial form, nor did the repetition prevent Mr. Gladstone again coming forward with a denial of it, to which he appended the naïve confession that nobody is aware of his intentions on the subject. We do not know if the "nobody" includes himself, and if this is his way of admitting that he does not know his own mind about it. If it seems impossible to reconcile the *Times*' statement with his two contradictions, it seems not less impossible, in spite of these contradictions, to believe that the three leading papers are substantially wrong. We should hesitate, of course, to believe in the literal accuracy of the story in the *Times*, which has surely imputed to Mr. Gladstone a strange innovation in alleging that he has come between the Crown and its responsible advisers. It would at any rate be a startling and a by no means convenient precedent for the leader of the Opposition to submit plans to the Crown for the disposal of questions of high policy. These reports, nevertheless, whatever may be the amount and the nature of the truth that there is in them, show plainly enough what is in the air, and prepare us for "an Irish session" more important than any we have yet seen, and with issues larger than those raised in all the Disestablishment Bills, the Irish Land Bills, and the Irish University Education Bills, over which the public mind has hitherto been excited.

In handing back the memorandum by the Army Sanitary Commission on the Report of the Sanitary Commissioner with Government for 1883, Lord Randolph Churchill remarks upon the importance of the sanitation of villages and of preventing the chief stimulus, often enunciated, of malarious diseases. He necessarily leaves suggestions of ways and means of remedying the existing state of things, and of applying the principles laid down, to local authorities. Mr. Hewlett, the Sanitary Commissioner, clearly points out the need for a sanitary executive. The local causes of epidemics, he says, have long since been brought to the knowledge of Government, yet the villages are in the same state as they were long ago, and hence the constant recurrence of cholera, small-pox, and fever. Mr. Hewlett says, though it goes without saying, that when cholera has broken out in a village little can be done except to leave the village; but when there is no cholera, the people should be warned that the surest preventive is to have clean air, clean food, clean water, clean houses, and clean persons; hence the need of the sanitary executive so often recommended. Mr. Hewlett says the missing link in the procedure is the want of some person or persons to see that the work is continuously carried on.

It is clear from the tables given in the memorandum that there was a greater prevalence of epidemics in 1883 than in the previous ten years' average—a proof of the urgent necessity for carrying out the recommendations that have been made from time to time by the Sanitary Commissioner. The change should certainly be in the direction of improvement. In 1883 the death-rate in Khandeish from cholera nearly doubled that of the previous ten years' average, and small-pox and other epidemics carried off a greater number during the year under review than in the previous ten years in the same district; and Mr. Hewlett remarks:—"Before our practical knowledge of sanitary work and its results became what it now is, the reply on the whole case would possibly have been that the great mortality was simply due to epidemics. No such reply is now possible. The severity of epidemics is determined by the nature and extent of insanitary conditions; and if there be executive sanitary authorities to deal with these conditions, epidemic death-rates mark the extent to which these authorities have discharged their duties." A comparison may be drawn from the figures in Mr. Hewlett's report between the sanitary condition of the cantonments and districts of Nusseerabad and Poona respectively, very much to the disparagement of the sanitary condition of the former cantonment. The death-rate from fever in 1883 in the cantonment of Nusseerabad was greater than within the districts, showing the necessity for sanitary improvement of the cantonment; while in Poo[illegible] districts the death-rate from fevers was [illegible] than double that in the cantonme[illegible] wonder epidemics find congeni[illegible]rs in Khandeish! The figu[illegible] that the cost per head for [illegible] nineteen municipal town[illegible] about two-and-a-half [illegible] shall look anxiousl[illegible]f-government will [illegible]eeds or difficultie[illegible]ust be spent t[illegible] of things [illegible] Remarkin[illegible] Mr. He[illegible] known, t[illegible] satisfactor[illegible] quarter o[illegible]

THE NEILGHERRY RIGHI RAILWAY.

FOR some years past a project for the construction of a line of railway on the Righi principle, to connect the Neilgherry plateau with the plains, has been under consideration. In January, 1884, Mr. Richard Woolley, of Coonoor, entered into an agreement to float a company with certain gentlemen of that town, who constituted themselves a body of provisional directors for the furtherance of the scheme. The arrangement with Mr. Woolley remained in operation owing to the dilatoriness and obstructiveness of the Madras and Imperial Governments, till September last, when the Secretary of State for India decided upon making certain concessions which the provisional Directors represented to be absolutely necessary before they could place the investment in the market. These concessions are embodied in a contract, containing besides the usual stipulations and arrangements provided for in similar documents, certain additional advantages special to the contemplated Neilgherry Righi Company, which must, on the terms agreed upon, be formed by the 1st of March next. These are—1st, a lease of all the land required for the line free of cost and rent for 99 years; 2nd, payment by Government for the carriage of the mails; 3rd, a guarantee of 3 per cent. interest, payable half-yearly in this country, on all capital expenditure, during the three years the line is under construction; and 4th, a guarantee of two lakhs of rupees per annum as gross earnings from and after the completion and opening of the railway for traffic.

Interest to the shareholders at 4 per cent. on the capital expenditure will be a first charge on the gross earnings, after 45 per cent. of the yearly income have been set apart for working expenses. This is the percentage which M. Riggenbach thinks will amply, with economy, provide for working the line, although Indian railways sometimes run up to 48 per cent., an increase or a decrease depending generally upon the cost of fuel, an item which it is conceded is altogether in favour of the Neilgherry Railway. M. Riggenbach's is not a haphazard estimate, or one based upon his European experience alone. He has had the advantage of a personal aquaintance with the locality and its resources, and has investigated the circumstances which form the most important factors in questions of this nature.

Out of the income the company is to pay back to Government, with 4 per cent. interest added, such amount as may be received during the three years the line is under construction, as guaranteed interest at 3 per cent. under the third concession, and such advances as suffice to raise the annual earnings to the sum of two lakhs, under the 4th; and during the period this money, or any portion of it, is outstanding, which will be the case until the profits return not to less than 5 per cent. to the shareholders, will exercise powers of control, but as soon as it is discharged their rights and powers of control cease and determine.

The contract provides for the purchase by Government of the line, after the expiration of twenty-five years, or at any subsequent period of ten years, by giving twelve months' notice of such intention to purchase. The amount to be paid will be calculated at twenty-five times the average yearly profits during any previous five years. If, therefore, the company has cleared off the Government incumbrances above stated, and is returning a dividend to the shareholders of 4 per cent., the purchase price will be equal to the capital of 25 lakhs. If 5 per cent. the shareholders will receive a bonus of 25 per cent. and such capital, and a like similar increase for every one per cent. of additional dividend the company has paid. If the contract should terminate by efflux of time, and the Government take over on a valuation, such valuation shall be determined by arbitration, and be of the rolling stock and moveable property of the company.

One of the conditions required by the Secretary of State of the directors or their agent is, that they or he shall not solicit, by advertisement or otherwise, subscriptions of the capital in Great Britain or Ireland, but may do so in India or on the Continent. This is obviously to prevent competition of the project in the home money market with the larger Indian railway enterprises to which the Secretary of State stands already committed. The promoters of the railway are sanguine that the guarantee of two lakhs will be unnecessary, as the receipts from the commencement are calculated to exceed that amount, as in the case of the Darjeeling Railway Company, whose income exceeded the guarantee from the first. And this anticipation is based on the very satisfactory statistics put forward. Mr. Woolley adduces the traffic return of goods for two months in 1862 and for two months in 1869 as showing an increase of 90 per cent. in seven years, the tonnage in the former year being 7,272 and in the latter 13,849. Still more encouraging are the figures furnished by the Madras Railway Company of passengers and goods conveyed to and from their terminus at Mettapollium, at the foot of the Neilgherry Hills, for the eight years elapsed. The passengers for the year ending 31st December—1876, numbered 73,515; 1878, numbered 83,739; 1880, numbered 95,270; 1882, numbered 131,691; 1884, numbered 172,321. The goods tonnage aggregated for the year ending 31st December—1875, numbered 9,646; 1878, numbered 16,381; 1880, numbered 16,707; 1882, numbered 17,106; 1884, numbered 18,323.

The passenger and goods traffic from and to Mettapollium is doubtless hill traffic, and the bulk of it will be secured by the company. The Madras Railway during 1884 realized for coaching and carriage of goods to and from the foot of the hills Rs. 3,88,635. In fixing the ghat traffic therefrom at Rs. 2,00,000, the proposed company are not extravagant in their calculations. A very important feature in the hill traffic of the future will be the branch of the Murree Brewery Company recently established at Gotacamund, which manufactures malt liquor for the Indian troops. Many thousands of tons of beer will annually find their way to the plains, and the requirements of the business will stimulate an up traffic in materials which cannot fail to be beneficial to a railway.

The company, if formed, will be domiciled in India, and its income, whether earned or contributed by Government, will represent money spent in the country. The line will be twelve miles in length, between six and seven being up the ghat at a gradient moderate for a rack rail. The journey to Coonoor will, even at the moderate speed of three miles an hour, occupy less time than it now does, to say nothing of the comfort and convenience offered by a railway. Mr. Woolley undertakes the construction and furnishing of the railway on the terms of the concessions, and proceeds to England early next year to raise the capital and form the company.

THE MINNESINGER'S SMOKING CONCERT.

THE Minnesingers gave their ninth smoking concert at the Gymkhana Pavilion, Fort, on Friday evening. Considerable interest attached to this concert, inasmuch as it was the first since the revision of the constitution of the Society, and it was doubtful how far the old members would welcome the change. It is therefore gratifying to be able to record that this was undoubtedly the most successful concert yet given by the Society, whether it be judged by the performance of the music, the numbers who attended, or the enthusiasm of the audience. The room was crowded in every part; some 150 tickets had been issued, and when the performance had commenced it was difficult to find a vacant chair. A glance at the programme showed that the honorary officers of the Society were the same as last year—Conductor, Mr. Close; pianist, Mr. Johnston; and secretary, Mr. Roughton—and the list of the committee contains the names of several well-known amateurs of Bombay. Of the performing members of the Society, nineteen formed the chorus, in addition to the pianist and conductor; and we observed two or three other performing members amongst the audience, who were, however, unable to take part in the singing, owing to the rule which forbids any member singing at a concert if he has been absent from the preceding practices. The choral selections were five in number, only one of which was by Mendelssohn, a composer who has recently supplied the basis of the Society's concerts. This was, "The Hunter's Farewell," with a horn and euphonium accompaniment supplied by five men from the East Yorkshire Regiment, kindly lent to the society by Lieutenant-Colonel Smyth and the officers. It proved the most popular piece of the evening, and was loudly and deservedly encored. If anything, it was taken a trifle too slowly in parts; but the light and shade were admirable. "The Young Musicians," by Kucken, was the opening piece. It went well, but the chorus had scarcely settled down to their work, and it was in places a little unsteady. It was impossible, however, not to admire the music, which commences with a bold air, falling off into a melodious full chorus, which again is followed by a charming quartette, abruptly changing back into the original air. The other part songs were "Oft when Eve," by V. de Call (not quite so well rendered as at the last concert); the serenade "Good night, Beloved," by E. G. Monk, which was undoubtedly the gem of the evening, being sung with marvellous precision and feeling, and furnished a wonderful testimony to the advance made by the Society since their first concert, when the same piece was performed; and "Old Bacchus," by C. F. Ackers, which brought the concert to a close. Of the soloists only one, Mr. Hardie, had previously sung at any of these concerts. He gave on this occasion Cecil Tovey's "Ship, Ahoy!" with fair success. Blumenthal's "Requital," sung by Mr. Watson, was encored, and most rightly so. Mr. Watson has a light tenor voice of much sweetness and cultivation. We hope to hear him frequently in Bombay. Mr. Elsworthy sang Randegger's "Gold Beater," a difficult and trying song, but which was very fairly rendered. It only remains to mention Mendelssohn's Andante in D. Minor Op. 49 for violin, violoncello, and pianoforte, rendered as it was sure to be by three such performers as Herr Zimmer—one of the professional honorary members under the new constitution—Mr. Close, and Mr. Johnston. It is almost needless to say the piece was universally re-demanded. It was whispered about that ladies would be admitted to the next concert, and we hope this may not only turn out to be true, but that it may not be long before the date is fixed. The Society has now firmly established its position in Bombay, and will no doubt soon have a sufficient repertoire to give its concerts at very frequent intervals. Mr. Close has clearly got his chorus well in hand, and we congratulate him heartily on the great improvement which has been manifest in the performance of the music since he took it in hand.

THE BROACH RIOT.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

BROACH, DEC. 18.

TO-DAY was occupied by the magistrate, Mr. Chunilal Venilal, in formally reading and recording the confessions made by those of the Talavias who were engaged in the riot. Some of them, it appears, had assembled at Broach, in obedience to a summons from Lakha Bhagat. If their story is to be believed, messengers had been sent by Lakha Bhagat to tell the Talavias throughout the district that on the full moon day, which was the day of the riot, they should present themselves before him to offer their prayers. While some had appeared in obedience to the summons of their religious chief, others, who had come to Broach with the object of attending the Shukaltirath fair, a few miles from this town, are said to have been invited by the Bhagat to stay with him. According to some of the deponents, he told his followers that if they killed the Collector, and otherwise obeyed his orders, the British raj would soon fall into their hands. With a few exceptions, the prisoners whose confessions were read out in court said, in answer to the magistrate, that they had made their statements voluntarily, and not under any sort of coercion or compulsion. The general drift of the confessions is that Lakha Bhagat and the mata were the men who had incited the Talavias to the murder of Mr. Prescott. While these depositions were being read, Lakha interrupted the proceedings by saying that the Talavias, who were a most ignorant class of people, had been cajoled and coerced by the police into giving false evidence against him. The police are most active in their search of the mata. So far as is known at present, the name of this man is Motigar, and he hails from some part of Northern India. He was originally a gosai, and coming among the Talavias he found it a very profitable business "to assume the god, affect to nod, and seem to shake the world." He told the people that he was the incarnation of their goddess, Kalika; Sometimes even going so far as to claim that he was the embodiment of Narayen himself. He played with such success upon the credulity and ignorance of the aborigines that they had implicit faith in his power to work miracles, such, for instance, as the turning of their enemies' bullets into water. The hopeless ignorance of the Talavias is illustrated by the exceedingly vague idea many of them have of their age. One of the prisoners, whose upper lip was adorned by a fully-matured mouse, declared, in reply to the magistrate, that he was only eleven years old. Another said that his age was twenty, while he had told the officer who took down his confession that he was forty years old. When the magistrate asked him to explain this discrepancy, the prisoner replied that he really did not know his age. Others tried to get out of the difficulty by saying that their age, as noted down in their confessions, was the correct one.

Amtha Dajia, in his confession made before a magistrate, said that on the day of the riot he was proceeding with three companions to the Shukaltirath fair. He was attracted to the place where Lakha Bhagat was sitting with a large crowd of Talavias under the shade of a tree. Shortly after his arrival, the assembly rose and started in the direction of the city. When the saheb's carriage came up, it was surrounded by some of the Talavias, including Lakha Bhagat, who had a sword in his hand. Witness was at a short distance from the carriage, and saw that the Talavias would not allow the carriage to pass on. After the attack had been committed, the witness was told by some of the leaders of the gang that if he or any one else ran away, they would be killed. After the encounter with the police, in which he had taken no part, he went to his native village. When the magistrate asked the man if he could point out Lakha Bhagat, he said he could not identify the Bhagat, as he knew him only by name.

Ragla Bajera had made a deposition before Mr. Mody, Deputy Collector, stating that he had been a witness to all that had taken place from the time the Talavias had left the Collector's bungalow to the encounter with the police and the dispersion of the rioters. After his evidence had been read out to him, he told the magistrate that it had been given under coercion. He had been severely beaten on the legs.

Another prisoner, who had made a statement before a magistrate describing the details of the riot, retracted it to-day, saying that he had deposed to all that had been recorded in his name, through fear of being beaten by the police. He did not know Bhagat, had never seen him, and on the day of the riot he was employed by a Parsee merchant named Cowasjee to collect mowra. A third man said his confession had been extorted from him by violence.

Basia Mansingjee's confession included the statement that after the Talavias had left the Collector's bungalow, they went into the city and stole some rice from the shops.

Another prisoner, Narotam Behechar, said he had joined the band three days before the riot. The night before the affray the Bhagat told his men that they were going to the Collector's bungalow the next morning. When they were told that the Collector had gone to the city in a gharry, they went away. On their way to the city they were overtaken by a saheb in a gharry. Lakha asked the saheb if anything had been done for them, and when the saheb replied that there was nothing to do for them, Lakha Bhagat struck him with a sword, and several other of the rioters also attacked him. As the saheb was going to run away, he was followed by Lakha Bhagat and other Talavias, who killed him.

Fakeera Roopa said that five or six days before the riot a messenger came to his village, and having summoned all the Talavias by him, told them that Lakha Bhagat wanted them to be in Broach on the full-moon day, in order to offer prayers. On the morning of the affray the Bhagat stood in the midst of his men, and told them that on that day they had "to go to war." They must kill the Collector, and the British raj would be theirs. Lakha Bhagat then noted down the names of the villages from which the Talavias had come, and proceeded at the head of his followers to the Collector's bungalow. When Mr. Prescott overtook them on their way to the city, Lakha Bhagat told him to stop his carriage. As the saheb would not do so, one of the Talavias threw an arrow at him. Witness then described what followed.

Natha Javer said that he had joined the band at Broach in obedience to a summons from Lakha Bhagat. A messenger had come to his village, asking the Talavias to assemble in Broach on

TELEGRAMS.

LORD REAY IN MADRAS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DEC. 20.

Lord and Lady Reay, attended by Mr. G. H. R. Hart, Captain Phayre, and Captain Annesley, arrived in Madras yesterday morning at 6-20. There was a large attendance of civil and military officers on the platform, including the Governor of Madras. There was a guard-of-honour, supplied by the 28th M. I.

The *Madras Mail* speaks of the probable good effect of Lord Reay's visit here to discuss Indian matters with the Governor, who has had four years' experience. It concludes an article on the subject thus:—"It is impossible that his lordship and Lady Reay will spend a dull Christmas in a society irradiated by the presence of Mrs. Grant Duff, and attuned to the intellectual tastes of her husband. It is probable that the best interests of the two Presidencies will be indirectly served by a visit that accentuates the *entente cordiale* of the two Governors."

Lord Reay was present yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the Madras Legislative Council.

His lordship and Mrs. Grant Duff visited the Government Female Normal School yesterday evening.

At present it is arranged that Lord and Lady Reay will attend an entertainment by the Madras branch of the Poona Gayan Samaj to-morrow afternoon, and on Wednesday afternoon a prize distribution at the Convent, and amateur theatricals at College Hall. On Christmas eve a visit will be paid to the Maharaja of Vizianagram's school.

The party leaves for Bombay on the Monday evening following.

ANOTHER SHIPWRECK ON THE MADRAS COAST.

Information was received at Madras yesterday morning that another steamship had been wrecked off Putty Dankum, near Covelong, close to the spot where the Karamania ran aground a few days ago.

The Tangier, 1,908 tons gross, commanded by Captain Morton and owned by Angier Brothers, London, arrived in Madras Roads on the 16th inst. from Coconada, where she had loaded castor-seed. At Madras she took in between three and four hundred tons of skins, hides, and indigo, and set sail for London on Friday morning. She had no passengers. During the forenoon of Friday, about 11 o'clock, she struck an unknown reef. She immediately got off the reef, but a hole had been made in her bottom. Water at once began rapidly to enter the hold, and the pumps were set to work. It was soon discovered that the vessel was fast filling, and the captain thought it advisable to run her ashore to avoid sinking in deep water, and thus save the cargo. She was accordingly beached near where the Karamania now lies. Immediately on receipt of the news, the Master Attendant at Madras despatched ten masulah boats and the Gordon Woodroffe, and the company's local agents despatched a large number of coolies to help in landing the cargo.

The steam-tug Clive is on the way from Calcutta to the scene of the accident.

DACOITY IN BURMAH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, DEC. 20.

The dacoity movement, which has now assumed considerable proportions, was started by twenty-five men from Kyoukdee, led by a poongie. They proclaimed the defeat of the British by Theebaw, and their having come to take over charge of the government on the King's behalf. A village was looted and burnt if allegiance was denied. The band is hourly assuming larger proportions. Three police-guards have been robbed of their arms. On the policemen flying, one was killed, and the other two, who were taken prisoners, burnt to death when the police posts were fired.

There is a disgraceful want of organisation among the police, and the folly of placing Burmans alone in responsible positions is now apparent. European inspectors and Goorkhas should be added to the force. Mr. Bernard and Mr. Lowndes, Inspector-General of Police, are at Mandalay. It is to be hoped that the former may see the folly of placing Burmans in charge of important towns. Where the natives of India and the Chinese would rally round a European, a Burman inspires no such confidence, and bolts without firing a shot.

The telegraph lines being cut we have no news of the arrival of troops from Shoaygyeen; but they must have reached there, and it may be assumed that the latter station is safe.

Mr. Shaw at Kyeikto wrote urgently on the 16th for assistance. It is to be hoped it may have reached him from Shoaygyeen.

Mr. Hume, Superintendent of Police, Pegu, with some police and thirty men of the Bombay Grenadiers from the company guarding Pegu, have gone to the scene of the disturbance. The party came across some burnt villages, but were unsuccessful in meeting dacoits.

General alarm and anxiety is felt by the Burmese at Pegu, and even at Rangoon, as the disturbances, if not soon put down, are likely to spread.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 20.

Mr. Panamalai Ramachundro Rao is appointed to be Assistant Magistrate and Collector, Madras Presidency, under the Statutory Act.

The following Consular appointments by the United States have been confirmed by Her Majesty's Government:—Mr. J. E. Orr, at Bassein; Mr. J. E. Ewoung, at Rangoon; and Mr. C. Gairdner, at Akyab.

The Negotiable Instruments and Indian Paper Currency Acts are extended to the civil and military station of Bangalore.

The Raja of Dewar has abolished from the 6th June last all transit dues within his State, except the duty on opium.

From a Resolution of Government it appears that the net imports of gold into India in 1884-85 amounted in value to Rs. 4,67,19,365 against Rs. 5,46,25,051 in the preceding year. No gold was tendered during the year for coinage in the Bombay mint. The net imports of silver into India were 725 lakhs, of which 579 lakhs were coined—123 lakhs in Calcutta, and 455 lakhs in the Bombay mint. All silver tendered during the past official year was on behalf of the Currency Department, which ordered the coinage of bullion weighing nearly four crore tolahs. The revenue of the Bombay mint was ten lakhs, and the expenditure eight lakhs.

CALCUTTA RACES.

The stable lotteries last night were a complete failure. Some business was done in the pools on the Viceroy's Cup and the Colonials. On the former there were three pools, and on the latter two. In the first pool on the Viceroy's Cup, Mr. Apcar's stable sold for Rs. 210; Mr. Gasper's and Lord William Beresford's, Rs. 150 each; and Runjeet's, Rs. 120. In the second pool, Lord William Beresford's stable fetched Rs. 130; Mr. Apcar's, Rs. 90; I. C. Singh's, Mr. Gasper's, and Runjeet's, Rs. 40 each. In the third pool, Mr. Apcar's stable sold for Rs. 110; Lord William Beresford's and Runjeet's for Rs. 100 each. On the Colonials in the first pool Mr. Gasper's, I. C. Singh's, and Lord William Beresford's stables sold for Rs 100 each. In the second pool, I. C. Singh's stables sold for Rs. 90; Lord William Beresford's for Rs. 70; and Mr. Gasper's for Rs. 40.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

MR. GLADSTONE AND HOME RULE.

LONDON, DEC. 19.

Mr. Gladstone has denied the statement made on the 17th inst. by the *Pall Mall Gazette* that he had formulated a scheme for an Irish Parliament.

The right hon. gentleman adds that nobody is aware of his intentions with regard to the question of Home Rule for Ireland.

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The *Times*, in a leading article, announces that Mr. Gladstone has submitted a plan to the Queen for the constitution of an Irish Parliament in Dublin, and that Her Majesty has referred the matter to the Cabinet.

THE AFGHAN BOUNDARY.

LONDON, DEC. 19.

News has been received here of a difference having arisen between the British and Russian Governments concerning the delimitation of the Afghan frontier at Maruchak.

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The difference which had arisen concerning the line of demarcation of the Afghan frontier at Maruchak has turned out to be of an unimportant character.

THE ANGLO-EGYPTIAN CONVENTION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, DEC. 19.

Ahmed Moukhtar Pasha, who was appointed Special Turkish Commissioner to Egypt to assist Sir H. Drummond Wolff in the work of reorganising the administration of Egypt, has not started yet, the renewal of hostilities in the Soudan rendering the Anglo-Egyptian Convention a dead letter.

THE FIGHTING ON THE NILE.

WADY HALFA, DEC. 19.

Lieutenant W. G. Cameron, of the Cameron Highlanders, who was severely wounded during the shelling of Koshay by the rebels, has died of the injuries he had received.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

COLOMBO, DEC. 19.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co.'s steamer Amphitrite, from Hongkong, left here for Bombay this evening.

SUEZ, DEC. 18.

The B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Manora, homeward bound from Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, left here this afternoon.

The B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Loodiana, outward bound for Bombay, Kurrachee, and Malabar Coast, left here this afternoon.

ADEN, DEC. 19.

The B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Rewa, outward bound for Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, left here this morning.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 18.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed quiet. Surats dull.

The London Cotton market has been firmer.

Good Fair Dhollera..... 4¼

The Manchester market has been quiet.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

Total week's sales of Cotton.....	50,000	bales.
" " " Surats.....	2,000	"
" " Imports of Cotton	125,000	"
" " " Surats	1,000	"
" Stock of Cotton.....	480,000	"
" " Surats.....	18,000	"
" Stock of Cotton in London.....	16,000	"

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

(DECEMBER 20.)

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Via* Teheran, perfect *Via* Turkey, perfect. *Via* Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—*Via* Teheran, perfect *Via* Turkey, perfect *Via* Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—*Via* Brest, perfect. *Via* Valentia, perfect. *Via* Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—*Via* Penang, perfect. *Via* Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—*Via* Penang, perfect. *Via* Amoor, perfect.

RANGOON, Dec. 15.—Army route to Bangkok interrupted beyond Rangoon.

Messages for Mauritius mail, must reach Durban by eight hours Tuesday 22nd.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

SATURDAY NIGHT, Dec. 19.

10 p.m. ... ... 72·4

SUNDAY, Dec. 20.

6 a.m. ... 68·4
10 a.m. ... 75·0
2 p.m. ... 79·7
4 p.m. ... 78·3

We hear that the other day, a European guard named Storey, belonging to the Sind, Punjab, and Delhi Railway, while travelling on leave on the G. I. P. Railway, jumped out of a second-class carriage between Ghoti and Egutpoora while the train was in rapid motion, and was horribly mangled and killed. He was observed at Nandgaon to get on the engine while at the station *en route*, and to attempt to throw his cash-box in the fire-box of the engine. The circumstances point to a temporary fit of insanity.

The telegraph line is interrupted between Pagan and Mingyan. Messages for Mandalay can be sent over the interrupted section by Flotilla steamer, either from Thayetmyo or Allanmyo.

The height of water in the Vehar and Tulsi lakes on the 18th inst. was, respectively, 55·20 and 43·30 feet as compared with 56·50 and 46·50 feet on the corresponding day last year.

MR. G. PALMER, the Secretary to the Hyderabad Government, in the D.P.W., proceeds shortly on a lengthened tour throughout the districts. This is said to be quite an unprecedented thing for the Secretary of this Department to do, although such tours have always been contemplated by Government, and provision has been made for them by a travelling allowance of Rs. 200 a month.

THE honorary title of "Commissioner for India" has been conferred by the Royal Commissioners on Mr. E. C. Buck in recognition of the work performed by the Revenue and Agriculture Department in India in connection with the Indian courts at the forthcoming Colonial and Indian Exhibition. The title is of an honorary character, and carries with it no duties or responsibilities outside India.

THE jute mill companies of Calcutta have, it is stated, agreed to work half-time, the arrangement coming into force from the 15th February next for a period of six months, the intervening period being required to fulfil existing contracts. The Hooghly Mills Company alone refuse to join the movement.

THE European employés of the Bombay and Burmah Trading Corporation, who are reported to have been massacred in the Chindwin country, had ample opportunities for making their escape, but they preferred to remain at their posts and risk the consequences. A letter received in Mandalay from one of them on the 3rd or 4th November, that is to say, before war or peace had finally been decided upon, states that they were well armed, and were entrenching themselves in preparation for the worst. It is impossible not to help admiring their courage and devotion to duty, though it would have been wiser, as it now turns out, had they subordinated their sense of duty to a regard for their own personal safety.

THOUGH the late Sir Arthur Phayre belonged to the military branch of Government Service, he spent the greater part of his career in civil employment, and was one of the most distinguished of the last generation of Indian administrators. Besides holding other high official positions, he was appointed by Lord Dalhousie to be *de facto* Governor of the new province of Pegu, after the annexation; and at a later period filled for many years the post of Chief Commissioner of British Burmah. In that capacity he concluded with the King of Mandalay several important treaties bearing on the free navigation of the Irrawaddy and our trade with Upper Burmah. From 1874 to 1878 he was Governor of the Mauritius.

LIEUTENANT GOTT, of the 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry, writes to us from Neemuch:—Your Neemuch correspondent is wrong in stating in your issue of the 14th inst. that anthrax having made its appearance amongst the horses of the 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry, the regiment has been moved into camp. The appearance of farcy in the regiment is the cause of its being moved into camp.

THE Commander-in-Chief in India left Delhi on the 16th inst., and visits Gurgaon, the head-quarters of the Southern Force in the Camp-of-Exercise. His Excellency remains with the force till the 23rd inst., returning to Delhi on Christmas eve.

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF Bengal has contributed Rs. 100 to the Indo-Wimbledon Volunteer Fund.

OF the 199 civilians serving under the Government of Bengal, there are now 17 absent on furlough, which leaves 22 furloughs at present available. As other four officers are expected to return in January, four more in February, and one in March, the total number of furloughs available before the 1st of April next will be 31.

THE Secretary of State has, on the strong recommendation of the local Government, sanctioned a special pension to Mr. R. T. H. Griffith, C.I.E., late Director of Public Instruction in the N.-W. Provices and Oudh.

IN addition to the contribution of Rs. 5,000 towards the Punjab Chiefs' School paid into the Treasury of the Punjab Government by His Highness the Raja of Faridkot, a sum of Rs. 10,000 has just been paid for the same purpose by His Highness the Maharaja of Jummu. Donations of Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 20,000 have been respectively promised by their Highness the Maharaja of Patialla and the Raja of Kapurthala.

THE British Indian Association of Oudh, a Society representing the talukdars, have given Rs. 5,000 to the Countess of Dufferin's Fund, N.-W. P. branch. Other recent donations to the same branch include Rs. 1,000 from the Rani of Nanpara, and Rs. 500 each from the Rani of Atraula, the Rani of Bahadur Nuggur, and the Dowager Rani of Tiloi.

THE Government of India's telegram objecting to the appointment of Messrs. E. W. Parker and Car-Stephen as divisional judges amounted to an absolute and peremptory veto on the measure; and the Punjab Government was left only one course to adopt. The receipt of further communications from the Supreme Government may perhaps open the way to a discussion of the principle involved; but meanwhile the orders have been cancelled and other officers have been selected. Mr. J. A. E. Miller, from Kangra, will take Mr. Car-Stephen's place as Divisional Judge of Ludhiana, and Colonel Marshall probably goes to Jhelum.

THE Volunteers have been doing excellent service in British Burmah. At Rangoon, Moulmein, Bassein, Akyab, and over the whole length of the State Railways, they have furnished guards, pickets, and patrols. From 120 to 140 Volnnteers were out on picket or patrol duty every night. From the time when anxiety first began until the evening of the 2nd inst. the Railway Volunteers—besides furnishing night pickets and patrols at Phayre-street terminus, at Insein, at Prome, and at Toungoo—sent a party of 10 men every night with a pilot engine from Prome to Paungdé and back, in front of the mail-trains, to see that no ill-disposed people had tampered with the permanent-way or bridges. The Chief Commissioner intends to bring to the notice of the Viceroy the willing service rendered by all Volunteers in Burmah, most of whom have hard work to do during the day, and have yet taken patrol duty one night out of three.

COLONEL CHAMIER, District Judge of Fyzabad, has pronounced the adoption of an heir to the Balrampore *guddee* made on the death of the late Maharaja in 1883, not to have been in conformity with the will of the Maharaja. If this decision is upheld, the adoption will be declared invalid. The ground of objection is that the adoption was made conditionally instead of absolutely, and the senior Maharani reserved to herself a life interest in the estate, contrary to the intention of her late husband. The Judicial Commissioner will have to decide the point on appeal.

THE following is the portion of the Afghan Boundary Commission which is returning to India:—Major Meiklejohn, 20th P. L, in command; Major Rind, Commissariat, Transport, and Treasury Officer; Captain Heath, Lieutenant Wright, and 88 rank and file of the 11th B. L.; Lieutenant Rawlins and 164 rank and file of the 26th P. I.; Dr. Charles and the Military Hospital; Lieutenant Galindo, 14th Hussars, Intelligence Department; Conductor Lyttle, Mr. Wilson, with Commissariat, Transport, and other details; Mr. Merk, Political Officer and Native Attachés; Resaldar Major Mahomed Hussain, 7th B. C.; Resaldar Major Bhawaldin Khan, Central India Horse; and Mirza Mahomad Taki Khan, and Khan Baba Khan. Mr. Merk and Resaldar Major Bhawaldin Khan, having seen the party safe to the Helmund, return and join the Commissioner's camp; a Political Officer from the Beluchistan Agency being sent out to meet the party at Kwaja Ali, and take them across the desert to Nushki and Quetta.

THE entire Russian Commission, so far as is at present known, is composed of the following officers:—Colonel Kuhlberg, Colonel of the Staff, and Astronomical Survey Commissioner; Captain Gideonoff, Assistant Astronomical Survey Commissioner; Court Councillor Lessar, Agent on the part of the Russian Foreign Office; Lieutenant-Captain Komaroff, Commanding the Escort; Dr. Neuman, Medical charge; Captain Koodrinsko, Topographer; Captain Techepitorski, Topographer; Lieutenant Gorokh, Russian Sappers, Treasury and Commissariat Officer; Titulary Councillor Hyin, Topographer; Titulary Councillor Polmatocheff, Topographer; Titulary Councillor Swatowisloff, Topographer; M. Mirzaeff, Interpreter; M. Mohometoff, Interpreter; Cossack Captain Warennik Escort; Cossack Lieutenant Keochko, Escort; Cossack Sub-Lieutenant Winninoff Escort. None of the Topographers speak anything but Russian, but the Doctor speaks German, the Cossack Lieutenant French, and the Interpreter Mirzaeff Persian, so that, as none of the English party can speak either Russian or Turki, the conversation is mostly limited with all but the four seniors and these latter three. Colonel Kuhlberg and M. Lessar both speak English well, Captain Komaroff French, and so does Captain Gideonoff a little. The English officers' knowledge of Oriental languages seems to surprise the Russians, as none of them as a rule acquire the languages of the people under them, work being always carried on through interpreters, as their policy is to make the people talk Russian and let their own mother-tongue perish.

THE Russian Government, which seems never to be tired of scientific exploring expeditions, is just organising another for next year to undertake the recently annexed portions of the Trans-Caspian, and the adjacent parts of Khorassan. According to the *Novoye Vremya*, Dr. Radde, Director of the Tiflis Museum, is to be in charge, with zoological matters under his special care; and there are also members for geological surveying and mines, meteorology, and topography. While in Persian territory an escort and guides will be furnished by the local authorities in communication with the Russian Embassy at Teheran. As a sign of the growing attractions of Khorassan for the children of the Czar, the news of this expedition is not altogether unimportant.

REFERRING to an unauthorised statement by a contemporary that the frauds perpetrated in connection with the Bombay Matriculation Examination are to be hushed up out of respect for the feelings of all concerned, the *Pioneer* writes:—"In Heaven's name!' we may exclaim with Sterne, 'what feelings?' Feelings of indignation we can imagine pervading the breast of the examining authorities; but these, we should fancy, would only be intensified by the impunity of the culprits. Feelings of disappointment may be vivid enough on the part of the fraudulent candidates, whose surreptitious success has been forestalled: but how will these be affected by the hushing up of the business? They will not pass any the more for that. Feelings of fear may, too, be the portion of those who turned a dishonest rupee or two by betraying their trust; but these are not feelings out of 'respect' for which authorities can seriously contemplate stifling inquiry. There only remain the feelings of the Government and the public to be considered, and these, we fancy, have been very much misjudged if the hushing up process is intended for their benefit."

THE net customs duty collected in Bengal in the year 1884-85, after allowing for refunds and drawbacks, was Rs. 2,18,07,864, the principal amount being made up of an increase in the salt duty. This amounted to no less than Rs. 13,20,499, and shows that the anticipated increase in the consumption of salt, owing to the reduction of duty, has been realized. In the import duty on other articles there was a decrease of Rs. 1,88,251, chiefly due to a falling off in the importation of ale, beer, porter, sprits, and wines. The decline in the export duty was Rs. 3,67,812, which is attributed to the depression of the rice trade on account of scarcity in some parts of Bengal. There was an increase in the value of imports into Bengal of over 22 lakhs, but this is entirely confined to the coasting trade, as the imports of foreign merchandise decreased 97 lakhs in value. In the export trade the foreign exports declined in value by more than three crores in merchandise, due to the reduced exports of Indian produce. The export coasting trade also shows a decrease, owing to the smaller shipments of Indian produce from the Presidency and to the reduced quantity of silver taken by the Burmese ports.

Le Bélge Médicale announces that the University of Brussels intend conferring the degree of M. D. *honoris causa* on Sir William Jenner, Bart., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., LL.D., D.C.L.

THE *North China Herald* of the 18th November had a letter from Tientsin, saying that the Chinese authorities were much bewildered by the magnitude of the preparations of France for making the new commercial treaty. The French Acting Minister was to be assisted by Monsieur Brauewarts, an official of high standing brought expressly from New York to China on account of his full acquaintance with fiscal and commercial affairs. Besides this gentleman, there are on the Treaty Commission M. M. Colin de Plancy, recently Acting Consul-General at Shanghai; Vissiere, Chinese Secretary to the French Legation; Vte. de Bezaure, recently Acting Consul in Tientsin; Paleologus, a gentleman of the French Diplomatic Service; and Bon d'Anty, Chancellier of the French Legation.

THE agitation which was commenced some time ago for the spread of education among the Mahomedans in various parts of the country is already beginning to bear good fruit, though there is still much to be done before they are on an equality with Hindoos. In the schools in the Dacca division of Bengal, for instance, there were at the end of March last 149,008 Mahomedans, and at the same time 133,347 Hindoos. Of the total population of the Division, 63·5 per cent. are Mahomedans and 35·8 per cent. Hindoos, so that the proportion of Mahommedan students to population is considerably less than that of Hindoos. This calculation refers to schools of all grades. In the high schools, middle schools, and upper primary schools the disproportion is much greater, the Hindoo students here outnumbering the Mahomedans by six to one. There was a gratifying increase of girls' schools, and pupils studying in such schools, during the year.

MILITARY NEWS.

A COMMITTEE assembled at Jhelum a day or two ago to select a site for the lines of one of the new Sikh regiments. The 37th Sikhs are to be stationed at Jhelum, and naturally the site of the dismantled lines of the 26th Punjab Infantry were selected. Another of these regiments is to be stationed at Talagang, and one at Jullunder.

COLONEL A. C. CROOKSHANK obtains command of one of the new regiments of Sikh infantry—the 36th. It may be concluded that Major Deane will succeed Colonel Crookshank as Deputy Secretary in the Military Department, since on three different occasions of his having been recommended for brevet promotion on account of departmental and field service, the Secretary of State has ruled that such rewards should be given in departmental promotion.

A PARADE of the men who have sent in their names to join the detachment of the Calcutta Volunteers for the Camp-of-Exercise was held on Tuesday morning on the maidan. A local paper writes:—Naturally, in taking a number of men at random from several different companies, completely smooth working is not to be expected at first; but making all fair allowance, it is pretty evident that there are amongst the men who have volunteered some who cannot be permitted to go to Delhi—a few who are so backward in their drill that all the parades they could possibly attend in the interim could not bring them up to the mark, and others whose physique or present condition of health is plainly not equal to the strain of the hard work and cold nights which will have to be encountered. It would be advisable that the weeding-out process should be carried through at once, so that the men who are selected to go may drill together, and come to know their proper relative places in the ranks. The conditions to be met in order of the tests are, we believe,—(1) ability to pass a medical examination, which is a *sine qua non*; (2) general smartness on parade; (3) seniority of service. There is some hope, we understand, that the Mounted Company will be able to raise a contingent of twenty-five men to go as mounted infantry to the camp.

ARRIVAL OF H. M. TROOPSHIP SERAPIS.

H. M. STEAMSHIP SERAPIS, 4,173 tons, Captain A. L. Douglas, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Portsmouth, calling at Malta on the 30th ult. Port Said 15th inst, and Suez on the 7th December. Three deaths occurred during the voyage, viz., two men and one child. The Serapis experienced fine weather throughout the trip. She brought 69 officers, 13 ladies, 12 children, 1,153 men, 72 women, and 107 children. The following is the list of the officers and their families.—Col and Mrs W H Lee and 2 children, 2nd Dr Gds; Bdge, Surg A Allan, Medl. Staff; Surg and Mrs J B Hamilton and child, Medl. Staff; Lt Col and Mrs C A French, 2nd Dr Gds; Surgn-Major W T Martin, Medl. Staff; Surgn-Major J M Kirkwood, Medl. Staff; Lt-Col F M Wardrop, 3rd Dr Gds; Surgn-Major J D Edge, Medl Staff; Major D Chadwick, 1st E Surrey Regt.; Major and Mrs J F S Monteith and 2 children, 2nd Dr Gds, and Major and Pay Master and Mrs T Asked and 2 children, 2nd Dr Gds; Surgn-Major R W O Donnell, Medl Staff; Major and Mrs J Gordon and 2 children, 1st Bl Irish Fus; Major and Mrs C E Parker-Jervis, Light Inf; Capt and M Hausen, 2nd Madras Regt; Surgn and Mrs E R Cree, Medl. Staff, Capt N Sadlier, 2nd Dr Gds; Capt H Clerk, Dr 2nd Gds; Hony Surg R S Dawson, Medl. Staff; Capt H B Mainwarring, 2nd Line. Regt Surgeons S S Lindsman; F W C Jones, Mrs J D F Long, W H Bean, and R G Hanley, Medl. Staff; Capt C H de K Walhouse, 2nd Staffordshire Regt; Surgn J H Brannigan, Medl Staff; Surgeons J E Daly, G J A Tuker, H C Dent, H G Hathaway, G C Meads, and T Daly, Capt E J Sharper, 2nd Middlesex Regt; R J Scott, 2nd Dr Gds; Vety-Surgn and Mrs W D Gunn and 2 children A V D; Lt J R B Davidson, R A; Riding Master H A Hughes, 2nd Dr Gds; Lts W F Flood, R F Hibbert, G P Douglas, and Mrs C H Preston and child; Lt K P Apthorpe, 2nd Bl Irish; Qr-Mr W Carter, 2nd Dr Gds; Lt C W Thompson, 7th Dr Gds; Lt W K B Daran, 2nd Bl Irish; Lt J E Dewar, 2nd Dr Gds; Lt G F Whitehead, 2nd Muns Fus; Lt W Kirk, 2nd Dr Gds; and Lt. and Mrs G O Cornor, Lts S R Master, W W Cordeaux, J C A Austin, G V Whitte, and W H Parsons, Lt C H R Coles, 1st E Surrey Regt; Lt E R S Swiney, Lt H R Johnson, 2nd Liverpool; Lt H R Elmhirst, 2nd Norfolk; Lt E A Haddock, 3rd Norfolk; Lt A A R Balfour, 1st S York; Lt A W Hasted, 2nd Wiltshire; Lt A Stirling, 2nd Seaforth Hgdrs; Lt C Guard, 1st Dr Gds; Lt J W Reid R A; Lt E E H Riley, 2nd Dr Gds; Hony Lt J Burns, Bl Ord; R C Chaplain, the rev A Leufgen, wife of Lt H Welman, 2nd Wiltshire.

THE VOLUNTEER PARADE.

THERE was a very large turn-out at the Commandant's parade on Saturday. Eight companies having been formed, the battalion marched to the parade ground, headed by the two bands of the corps and the mounted troop. Several movements were executed, including marching in echelon from the right and marching in echelon from the centre. Before dismissing the men Colonel Bayley said that from the returns sent to the Government of India and to the Adjutant-General at Simla it appeared that the present strength of the corps, including the Poona Detachment and the Mounted Troop, was upwards of a thousand men, the greatest number that has ever been on the roll since the formation of the corps in 1877. He added that there would be no more parade this year on account of the Christmas holidays, but he hoped that the men would do their utmost to turn out in strong numbers on the 1st of January for the New Year's day parade. Colonel Bayley concluded his remarks by wishing the men a merry Christmas.

The officers present, besides the Commandant and the Adjutant, were Captains Baird, Forbes, Brown Roughton, and Freeborn; and Lieutenants English, Stead, Nicholson, Jeffries, Place, Lund, Bennett, and Redfern.

The following was the field state:—

	F. Officers.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Sergeants.	Buglers.	Rank & File.	Total.
A Co.	0	1	2	3	1	24	= 31
B "	0	1	2	3	0	22	= 27
C "	0	1	2	4	2	28	= 37
D "	0	0	0	5	0	31	= 36
E "	0	1	2	3	0	31	= 37
F "	0	1	1	3	0	24	= 30
K "	0	0	0	6	0	84	= 90
Drum and Fife Band...	0	0	0	0	0	18	= 18
Staff and Band.	3	0	1	3	0	25	= 32
Army Staff.	0	1	0	2	0	4	= 7
Total ...	3	6	10	32	3	291	= 345

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER REPORT.

SIMLA, Dec. 19.—The barometer has risen very considerably in Northern and Central India (especially in the Western Punjab), and moderately in Madras. There is westerly wind at Dera Ismail Khan. It is still south-easterly in the Gangetic Doab, and north-east to east elsewhere. The weather has cleared in the greater portion of the Punjab and Bombay. It is very cloudy elsewhere. Light rain has fallen in parts of the Punjab, rather heavy in the N.-W. Provinces, the Central Indian plateau, and a few places in Madras, and moderate in Western Bengal. There is snow on the outer hills of Simla to 8,000 feet, and from 1 to 2 inches on Jakko. The temperature has fallen rapidly in Bengal. The lowest is 20 at Quetta, the highest 90 at Goa. Rain to-day:—Masulipatam, 3 inches; Seoni, 2 inches; Chakratta, Ramikhet, Roorkee, Lucknow, Benares, and Cochin, 1½ inch; Simla, Allahabad, Gya, Nagpore, Jubbulpore, Sutna, and Cuddapah, 1 inch. Yesterday:—Amraoti, 2 inches; Jhansi and Kurnool, 1 inch.

THE BOMBAY HUNT.

IF the clerk of the weather has been doing his little best to manufacture non-hunting mornings lately, he is to be congratulated upon the success that has attended his efforts, as yesterday was about as unlikely a morning for fox-hunting as we have ever known. Instead of the "southerly wind and a cloudy sky" which, according to the old song, "proclaim it a hunting morning," we again had a bitterly cold east wind blowing, and in consequence there was not a particle of scent. The meet was at Parla—usually a favourite one—but only about a dozen members of the Hunt put in an appearance—no doubt owing to the near approach of the Christmas holidays, when many men are going pigsticking, and until then keeping their nags wrapped up in cotton wool and lavender water. The sport was perhaps better than could have been expected. We had two short runs over very rough country, without a kill; but all agreed that we were lucky in getting a run at all on such a morning. The next meet is on Wednesday at the Rifle Butts at Bandora.

DEATHS FROM RUPTURED SPLEEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—A writer in your journal, signing himself "X Mass," says that amongst "several stirring incidents" that occurred during the past year, several natives with enlarged spleens were killed by Europeans. I have seen a similar statement so often repeated by irresponsible writers, upon what I believe to be no authority, that I feel constrained to ask "X Mass" to give us a list of such cases, and the places where they occurred? The charge is a serious one, and if true, let us have it established. But I think it should not pass unchallenged. My reading of such cases during the last thirty years is that spleens are mostly ruptured by violence inflicted by natives upon natives, and not by Europeans. I know that for a great many years past every case of the kind that has occurred in Bombay has been the result of violence inflicted by natives. Cases of natives with enlarged spleens being killed by Europeans may have occurred in other parts of India, especially in Lower Bengal, where every third spleen is said to be swollen, but I have not read of such cases. A just decision may be arrived at on this question by securing the data of all such fatal cases, showing the nationality of the person who caused the rupture. I believe it will be found that for every diseased spleen ruptured by a European, ten are ruptured by natives.

NEW YEAR.

THE SUBORDINATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In your issue of the 15th inst., you were good enough to allow a place to a letter from "Reform," in which he stated that "he had good hopes that Dr. Cook, the present Principal of the Grant Medical College, would advise Government to reserve the use of the College and adjoining hospital exclusively for the benefit of the matriculates and P. E. students, as a step that could not fail to raise the status and calibre of the College and University—in what way he does not say. Furthermore, if the advice tendered by "Reform" be favourably entertained, the Government, whilst saving a decent sum of money, which "Reform" holds is now "annually wasted in the shape of stipends to the military medical students, will also have a body of qualified and efficient medical gentlemen who would be available for employment in the civil and military departments of Government, in lieu of the present class of—presumably—inefficient and unqualified apothecaries as hospital assistants."

Admittedly, the military medical students are from the first at a disadvantage with those who have matriculated and directly enter college to study for the University qualification. Most of these lads were admitted into the Subordinate Department, after satisfying a test decidedly elementary for those electing to study for a profession which is rightly termed learned, and of course, it may be presumed, unable on such meagre foundation to profit to the full by the course of instruction in the College during the three years at their disposal, as against the four or five years of study which the graduates enjoy.

Surely "Reform" is a little late with his scheme of economy in the shape of "saving the decent sum of money that is now annually wasted," when he fails to remember that no addition has been made to the strength of the military medical students during the last twelve months or more, and that the class of apothecaries and hospital assistants, whose place he is so ready to fill, is fated to become extinct at, perhaps, an early date.

"Reform" evidently is eager to obtain a useful, if not honourable, career, but in his search for such in the noble sphere open to members of the Subordinate Medical Department, I think he detracts from the merits of those who are to "raise the status and calibre of the College and University." He ought to look elsewhere. Where, I shall be glad to point out in my next. TRUE REFORM.

THE INDO-WIMBLEDON SCHEME.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I see that the Lahore paper, in an otherwise appreciative notice of the circular inviting Indian Volunteers to subscribe towards the support of the scheme for sending a representative team of Indian Vounteers to Wimbledon, remarks:—

"It has been proposed that each regiment shall nominate one or more men, in proportion to its subscription; the selection to be made in any way that may be regimentally agreed upon. This, of course, is as it should be; but the concluding portion of the circular strikes one as unwise: "A captain of the team will be appointed by the committee, and he will make the final selections after practice *in England*." Economy and common sense surely point to the selections of shots and substitutes being made after practice in this country."

The writer rather misses the point. He italicises the words "in England;" he might also have italicised "final." The idea is to send some twelve men—all proved first rank shots; but only eight will be required to shoot for the Kolhapore Cup. Surely, it will be generally admitted that a wise plan will be to make the final selections for the team according to form displayed in England. The conditions of shooting in India and England vary widely, and the men who might show up best in competitions in this country would not necessarily master the new conditions of light, &c., so thoroughly as others before the date of the competition.

The plan would be to land the team in England at least a fortnight before the commencement of the Wimbledon Meeting, and arrange for regular practices in the interim, by the results of which the final selections for the team would be made.

I trust you will be able to find space for this explanation. It would be a pity for the scheme to be handicapped by a misapprehension at the outset.—Yours, &c.,

W. F. WHITEHEAD.

Calcutta, Dec. 17.

THE SOUDAN CAMPAIGN.

MUCH disappointment and discontent, writes the Bombay correspondent of the *Medical Times*, are felt in the Indian medical service at the manner in which its members have been neglected in the distribution of State honours after the recent Soudan Campaign. No department of the public service which took part in that miserable fiasco did their work better than the Indian medicals, and yet only one of them is mentioned in the *Gazette*, and he the principal medical officer, whom not to have mentioned would have amounted to little short of insult to the service; so that the profession view the mention of his name and the trifling honour awarded him as merely perfunctory. It was anticipated that this glaring injustice would have been remedied in a supplementary *Gazette*, but nothing of the kind has appeared. The services of members of the sister service have been recognized, for no less than twenty-nine of them have been either decorated as Companions of the Order of the Bath, promoted, or otherwise rewarded. It has been publicly reported that, without the assistance of the Indian Medical Service, British troops could never have taken the field in the way they did. Surgeon-Major Boustead (of the Bombay Establishment), who was present, lent the British Medical Department 500 odd dhoolies and 250 men fully equipped, in order to enable the Army Medical officers to go into the action of Hasheen, their own transport for the sick and wounded, &c., not having arrived in time. Further, there were five times as many wounded amongst native troops as monag British troops after each engagement at Hasheen and Tamai. What is

Port Trust. No reason had up to now been shown why they should not be treated like other Municipal servants.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

The meeting then separated.

ADEN.

A RECENT visit paid by one of our valued contributors to this barren spot enables us to lay before our readers a few general remarks as to the progress of the new fortifications. Although a great deal has been done and much money spent on the proposed works, yet there have been obstacles to prevent the engineers in charge showing an adequate return for the time that has elapsed since the new defences were commenced. A great difficulty they have had to contend with has been the want of sufficient labour, owing to the weak short-sighted policy of the Local Government in placing irritating restrictions on the immigration of coolies and others, so as to prevent the increase of the native population in Aden. The reason assigned for these prohibitive measures at first was a sanitary one, as after the visitation of cholera in 1881 it was deemed best to prevent cutcha dwellings being inhabited; but since then another cause has been given—that in the event of a siege it would not be desirable to have too many mouths to feed. Whatever object, however, Government may have for limiting the population on the Peninsula, one result is only too palpable, the sure and steady decay of business at the port; the coaling companies have had, and, even now, when some slight modifications have been made on their urgent representations, still have great difficulty in getting labour for their operations; and the native merchants are greatly hampered in their business by the childish and vexatious nature of the regulations that are in force. No redress is to be obtained from the local authorities, who, apparently, would throw the onus for the step on the Bombay Government, and as long as Aden is under the authority locally of the military powers very little consideration will be given to the mercantile element. The last official trade report for the year 1884-5 (the return curiously does not give the months of this official year, it is, however, for the twelve months ending March 31) shows a great falling off in the coal business of the port, which is attributed to the imposition of quarantine against infected ports in India. As the principal value of Aden is supposed to be its convenience for a coaling station, it seems incredible that any measures at all should be adopted likely to choke and repel this business; and the establishment of a station at Perim through negotiations with the Imperial Government in London would lead to the idea that it is only local influence at work to prevent the proper development of the trade. The report gives a falling off of 119 vessels passing through the Suez Canal, but a decrease of 197 in those calling at Aden and Perim, the total that went to Perim instead of Aden being 221. Had any proper attempt been made to dredge the inner harbour of the latter place so as to make it accessible to heavy draught vessels at all states of the tide, there would have been no occasion to start another depôt at Perim; but, as before observed, Aden is afflicted with a military government, and as long as it is so, very little hope can be entertained that its real value will be appreciated by its possessors. The shipping companies have agitated at home for this dredging to be done, but their efforts meet with but little assistance from the powers that be. Last session Mr. Cross stated in the House of Commons that a dredger had been working some time—he was either humbugging his questioner or had been hoodwinked himself; the thing referred to is about as much use as a teaspoon for the work required. When Earl Dufferin came out as Viceroy the local shipping agent petitioned for a Port Trust, with a view to dredging being really taken in hand; it seems likely that the Trust will be formed, but for a totally different purpose from that which the mercantile community wished. The trustees should have a majority of independent members; but instead there are to be three local officials and two unofficial members, and one of the officials is to have an extra casting vote. These already well paid gentlemen are to draw fees for their services (!) to the port, as members of the Trust, and it is pretty certain their efforts will be mainly directed to hampering the trade of the port by driving it into a corner at Maala Pier, or as far up the harbour as possible, and the greatest distance from where ships have to load and discharge. Already there are rumours in the air that the vessels of the Messageries Maritimes Company will cease to frequent the port, and seek a more congenial sphere for their operations at Obock, which the French Government will encourage by every means in their power, and unless a more business-like and common sense view prevails with administration of Aden, it is not improbable its future will be a more barren existence than even hitherto. The place undoubtedly is at a disadvantage in being attached as a dependency to Bombay, and were it under the direct and immediate control of the Home Government, there would be some chance of its assuming the importance its position deserves as a first-class coaling station on our highway to the East. There is a strong opinion that the money spent on the fortifications is being thrown away, and that at any rate the work of improving the harbour should be carried on at the same time; there would appear to be a feeling that monitors and torpedoes would more effectually protect the place than the projected forts, and would be a great saving in cost; we suppose, however, this is a point which has already received every consideration before the money was voted by Parliament, and that all opinions have had due weight.

Aden is under the rule of a Political Resident, but as the office is combined with that of Brigadier-General, and held generally by a senior officer of the Bombay army who has only a few years to complete his term of service in the East, there is not much inducement for him to do anything but draw the very fair emoluments attaching to the post with a view to comfortable retirement as soon as his time is up. —*The London and China Express.*

WOMEN CANDIDATES AND VOTERS.

It seems strange that, while at Birmingham a woman was allowed to vote, at Camberwell a woman was not allowed to vote, or, but the first decision does not appear to have been right. In regard to voting, the register is [illegible] *Journal* says, conclusive, unless the vote is prohibited by statute or by the Law of Evidence from voting. A woman is not, like an alien, a policeman, or any election agent, prohibited from voting by statute. If she were so she would not only be unable to vote, her name being on the register, but would be liable to a fine of £100. She was, according to the decision in "Stow v. Jones," 1 Rep. C. P. 265, prohibited by the Law of Evidence from voting. It is by no means certain that this decision in "Stow v. Jones" has been doubted, and even if it be incorrect, the vote rightly allowed at Birmingham, but even on a scrutiny would the same case decided that [illegible] as conclusive upon a scrutiny as at the poll. In regard to Camberwell, as Miss Helen Taylor presented her nomination paper herself, there is no doubt that the returning officer had the right to reject it. If her proposer or seconder had presented it, and there was no indication of her sex on the paper except the name "Helen," much doubt might have been entertained. The returning officer is entitled by the Ballot Act to require that the candidate be described so as to identify him, but this is for the purpose of clear description only, and not for the purpose of rejecting the nomination. If Miss Taylor had taken legal advice she would probably have secured her nomination, but she preferred boldly to avow her sex, and proposes to test the matter in the Law Courts. No action lies against a returning officer for rejecting a nomination unless he acted maliciously, as in such a matter his act is judicial. If, however, Miss Helen Taylor insists on its being judicially decided that women cannot be members of Parliament, she may, as "a person alleging himself to be a candidate," present an election petition when the return is made and join the returning officer as a party.

MUSICAL PITCH.

THE International Diapason Conference held its first sitting on November 16, at the Ministry of Public Instruction, Vienna. The delegates present were: for Austria—Baron von Bezeouy, superintendent-general of the Court Theatre; Councillor Zoller; Herr Jahn, manager of the Opera; Herr Hellmesberger, conductor of the Court Orchestra; Professor Stefan, Professor Hanslik, Herr Zellner, and Herr Komzak, bandmaster of the 84th Infantry Regiment; for Hungary, Dr. Schutz; for Prussia—Herr Joachim, Herr Engel, and Herr Blumner, from Berlin, and Herr Wullner, from Cologne; for Saxony—the Hof-Kappelmeister Such and Herr Jurstehau, from Dresden, and the composer Reinecke, from Leipzig; for Wurtemberg—the Hof-Kappelmeister Seyffritz and Herr Jaiszt; for Italy—Signor Boito and Professor Biaserna; for Sweden—M. Svedbom, Director of the Royal Academy of Music; for Russia—Professor Leschenitzky and M. Grossachki, bandmaster of the Rifle Battalion of the Imperial Guard. England and France were not represented. The French Government has sent a note saying that it was informed of the proposed conference when it was too late to appoint a delegate. The proceedings at the first meeting were merely inaugural. The new Minister of Public Instruction, Dr. Gautsch, bade the delegates welcome and explained the objects of the conference, which are twofold—(1) to decide what is the pitch that shall be fixed for the normal diapason, and (2) to settle what measures shall be taken to get that pitch universally adopted and to prevent its being altered. A later telegram says that the Conference has practically decided to accept the Parisian as the normal pitch. It is higher than that used in Italy, but lower than that which has been adopted in Austria for some years. The French pitch is 70 vibrations per second, and the Italian of 864.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to the taste, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for diarrœa and dissentery, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle. Wholesale by the Anglo-American Drug Company, Limited, 33, Farringdon-road, London.

BRITISH GALLANTRY IN THE SOUDON.

THE Queen on Wednesday, Nov. 25, conferred the medal for distinguished conduct in the field on a number of non-commissioned officers and men for gallantry displayed during the recent operations in the Soudan.

The following are the services for which the medals have been awarded:—

GUARDS CAMEL REGIMENT.

Colour-Sergeant G. Ditchfield, 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards.—After the battle of Abu Klea, when detailed with the rest of his company to carry the wounded down to the wells, he set a brilliant example of discipline and endurance. The men, who were suffering severely from thirst, fell out in large numbers and left the stretchers. Sergeant Ditchfield never fell out, collected men to carry the stretchers, and remained behind till the last was brought into hospital.

Colour-Sergeant J. Drew, Royal Marine Light Infantry; and Sergeant J. Symons, 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards.—On the occasion of the attack on a sick convoy on the 13th of February, 1885, being on "advance guard," and ordered to fall back at once under fire, these two non-commissioned officers showed the greatest coolness in assisting to get the camels back to the column, and it was mainly owing to their exertions that they were got back in safety.

Sergeant W. Pearson, 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards.—When his company was pressed from the rear at Abu Klea, owing to the rear face having been broken, he set an example of steadiness and coolness to the men, and rendered most valuable assistance to the officers. On all occasions when under fire he displayed conspicuous coolness.

Private R. Gragg, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.—Having been hit in the arm on the 19th of January, he refused to fall out, and when wounded again in the knee he tried to struggle on till ordered into a cacolet.

Lance-Sergeant Parker, 1st Battalion Scots Guards.—Was shot through the chest shortly after leaving the zariba on the 17th of January. He was attended to by the doctor, but at once fell into the ranks again, refusing to get into a cacolet until compelled to do so by weakness.

Private Fox, 1st Battalion Scots Guards, was struck in the thigh on the 17th of January, and after being attended to by the doctor, resumed his place in the ranks, and, though lame, remained there during the day.

LIGHT CAMEL REGIMENT.

Troop-Sergeant-Major B. Turner, 10th Hussars.—At all times showed remarkable coolness and zeal in his responsible position (Regimental Sergeant-Major), and, during the night of the 16th of February, at Abu Klea, was continually under fire.

MOUNTED INFANTRY.

Private B. Fagan, King's Royal Rifle Corps.—Though wounded, he rejoined his company on the Arabs charging and remained with it for the remainder of the day. Although wounded a second time on the 19th of January he refused medical assistance, remarking that "there were many who required the doctor's help."

Private G. Wood, the Rifle Brigade.—At Abu Klea, though twice wounded, he remained engaged with the enemy, and after the action tended the medical officer such assistance as to call for his special mention of him.

Sergeant G. Small, Connaught Rangers.—At Abu Klea he repeatedly alone charged the enemy who had entered the square, and by his personal courage and leading contributed much to the ultimate expulsion of the enemy.

Private Griffin, King's Royal Rifle Corps.—Good and valuable services during the reconnoisance of the 17th of February, causing the enemy to evacuate a strong position.

Colour-Sergeant W. Birch, Coldstream Guards.—Though seriously wounded, he persisted in leading his division while under fire, thereby evincing great courage and disregard of suffering.

Colour-Sergeant Scudamore, Royal Marine Light Infantry.—Displayed much gallantry in action, and whenever orders were conveyed by him they were delivered with perfect coolness and correctness, though sometimes under heavy fire.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Sapper T. Bennett and Sapper W. Leitch.—Both served with accuracy and steadiness at Abu Klea on the 16th and 17th of January, and at Gubat on the 19th of January, in the construction of hasty defensive works under a very heavy cross-fire.

Lance-Corporal J. Dale.—Displayed utmost coolness in arranging a "bivouac" as a defence when the heavy cross-fire had induced most of the party to take cover, and, although wounded, accompanied the infantry moving out in square and rendered good service.

COLDSTREAM GUARDS.

Sergeant-Major F. Dickinson—Showed great zeal and courage at Hasheen when it was difficult to keep the square's formation owing to the broken ground and thick bush.

Privates J. Chinner and J. E. Sheldon.—At an attack of convoy on the 24th of March volunteered to step out of the square and act as flanking scouts in very thick bush. They shot two or three of the enemy who were casualties in the battalion.

ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

Lance-Sergeant W. Othen, Private S. E. Cowstick, and Private E. Dale.—Showed steadiness and courage when employed in bringing down a large nuggar on which were the sick and wounded from the wrecked steamer Bordein. The nuggar grounded on the 17th, and the party were exposed to fire of the enemy on the bank till the nuggar was got off.

Private C. Paine.—Was sent from the nuggar to Sir C. Wilson's camp to ask for assistance; made the way there alone at night and afterwards returned.

THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE REGIMENT.

Colour-Sergeant R. P. Cloke.—Displayed great courage and gallantry on the occasion of the fighting on March 22.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE.

Corporal W. Yetton.—At the battle of Abu Klea, when the Arabs had broken into the square, this soldier attacked the Amir who was on horseback and killed him, upon which he was himself attacked by four Arabs and severely wounded.

COMMISSARIAT AND TRANSPORT STAFF.

2nd Class Staff Sergeant P. O'Malley.—Cool and business-like under fire and at those periods of worry and confusion that are almost unavoidable with native transport when quick work is required in the presence of the enemy. On January 17 he went into the open under fire and collected rifles of dead and wounded in order to arm those men who were without weapons, and helped to carry a wounded officer from the square just before it left the zariba to the Hospital Fort under a very heavy fire.

Privates Newton and Inglis, 16th Lancers—having been transferred to the 2nd Dragoon Guards and *en route* for India were unable to receive the medals awarded them for the following services:—Having saved Lord St. Vincent when wounded from falling into the hands of the enemy, who attacked them while in the act of getting him from under his camel, which had fallen dead on top of him.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.—PROPOSALS OF THE HAWAIAN GOVERNMENT.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"The Hon. H. D. Carter, Minister for Hawaia at Washington, has arrived in Europe on a special mission to the Governments of Great Britain, France, Germany, and Spain. Mr. Carter, who is a native of the Sandwich Isles, but is of American origin, has been resident in Washington for some years and was intrusted with the negotiation of the reciprocity treaty with the United States which has done so much to increase the prosperity of Hawaia, and he has in addition made several visits to Europe upon the business of the Foreign Office of Honolulu. Upon the present occasion Mr. Carter is the bearer of an important proposal from the Government of King Kalakua with reference to the future of the Marshall and the Gilbert Islands. These Islands contain a population of about 70,000, who within the last few years, have become civilized and Christianised though the exertions of American and Hawaian Congregational missionaries all of whom had the Sandwich Islands as the base of their operations, and who have expended in their enterprise about £80,000. It is now suggested that these groups should be allowed to federate on the same lines, but not with the Hawaian islands, that their autonomy should be preserved, and that with some slight modification the Hawaian system of government should be extended over all these Islands in the Central Pacific whichat the present moment have not been annexed and colonized by any European Power. Mr. Carter would be glad to see the same principle extended to the Caroline Islands, the inhabitants of which resemble in many respects those in the Marshall and Gilbert groups, if the proposal meet with the approval of England, Germany, and Spain. It is suggested that in the first instance a new State should be made under the tuition of persons sent from Hawaian to teach the islanders self-Government. The Sandwich Islands afford a remarkable instance of a native Polynesian race adopting European civilization. The Government is in the hands of a Sovereign, a house of Peers, and a house of commons. The laws are founded on those of the United States: education is compulsory, and life and property are as safe and as well protected as in any other part of the world. The population is about 86,000; the revenue £200,000 a year, the imports £1,400,000, and the exports £1,600,000. The only drawback to the prosperity of Hawaia is the gradual decline of the native population, which does not exceeded 48,000, while there are about 40,000 foreigners—Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, and Caucasians, as persons from Europe and the United States are termed. But the Government of Hawaia assert that the stringent measures they have taken in order to stamp out leprosy have been successful, and that there is every probability that in future years the census of the native population will show a small but steady increase. Efforts were made some years ago on the part of the people of Fiji and Samoa to to induce the Hawaian Ministry to interfere with their affairs, but the negotiations failed because it was considered that these islands were outside the legitimate influence of the Honolulu Government. But the advisers of King Kalakua have come to the conclusion that the interests of their own country and those of the Caroline, Gilbert, and Marshall groups would be furthered if these latter were assisted to carry out the policy which he has worked so well in the case of the Sandwich Islands,"

SIR JOHN EVERETT MILLAIS.

THE *Magazine of Art* publishes the following sketch of the well-known painter:—In our living school of English painters Sir John Everett Millais enjoys by far the widest fame. For thirty-five years the public has concerned itself with his work, and for more than a quarter of a century, from the year of the "Black Brunswicker" downwards, no contributions to the Academy have excited so much interest as his. Beginning as a *preraphaelite enrage*, he promises to end a true successor of Gainsborough and Reynolds; and through the whole of his transmutations, or rather of his development—for after all the progress from the "Isabella" of 1849 to the "Lady Betty Primrose" of 1885 is but the growth of four centuries writ small on a single arow—he has at once preserved his own rather militant sincerity, and carried his public with him. As to his relations with a foreign public, they have consisted in a steady advance. In 1855, at the first Paris Exhibition, to which he sent "The Order of Release," "The Return of the Dove to the Ark," and "Ophelia," he won general admiration by the strength of the personality he betrayed, and by his freedom from the trammels of immediate tradition. The boy Millais was sincere in 1849, the man is no less sincere now; but in the meanwhile he has grown into acceptance of those canons as to the unity of Art, and as to a painter's duty to select, to simplify, and to weld, from which our more logical neighbours have never swerved. John Everett Millais was born at Southampton on June 8, 1829. His father was a Jersey man, and an officer in the island militia, and in 1835, when his son was six years of age, he carried his family to Dinan, in Brittany, where the boy gave the first taste of his quality by sketching the French officers stationed in the neighbourhood. These sketches were so surprising in a lad of his years that the officers in question would not believe in their origin without ocular proof, a want of faith which cost them a dinner. In 1837 the Millais returned to Jersey, and in 1838 they went to London, mainly for the purpose of seeing what was to be done about their son's future. In 1838 Sir Martin Archer Shee sat in the President's chair at the Academy. More, perhaps, than any other of the seven men who have risen to that position did he understand what a risky thing it is to throw in one's lot with art. Born seventy years before, he had struggled up from penury to the official chiefship of English art—and even that success had not brought him wealth. So far from rich, indeed, was he that a few years later than the time of which I am speaking he had to accept a "grant in aid" from the academy and a pension from the Queen. Of course Sir Martin was not a great painter. He was a "man of many talents, of good breeding and gentlemanly manners, of business habits, an orator able to express himself well on all occasions," and it was for qualifications like those that he had been elected P. R. A. on the death of Lawrence. But it cannot be supposed that he was himself fully alive to the deficiencies in his art. Like other men, he no doubt ascribed some part at least of his want of success to the blindness of the public. He was not a fine artist, he was not even a man of peculiar and versatile talent, like Lawrence, but his portrait of the actor, Lewis, which now hangs in the National Gallery, proves that he was at least a respectable mediocrity. And yet with all the prestige of his post Art had not been with him a fruitful spring, so that when the Millais, *père et mère*, put him their infant prodigy, he could hardly have been greatly blamed had he met them with blank discouragement no matter how good the boy's work might be. But far from any such thing were their hopes, he inflamed them. When the drawings of the nine-year-old artist were spread out before him, he at once saw that they were out of the common way, and the little father and mother won with words of warm approval. "The parents," he said, "of a child so gifted should do all in their power to help the cultivation of his faculties, and to speed him on the career for which nature has evidently intended him." Perhaps the very best judges of Art, as a class, are the moderately successful artists. All experience, from Squarcione downwards, has shown them to be the best teachers, and the very worst, of the strong individuality, which prevents them from rising into the first rank of creators, help their critical faculties. Sir Martin Shee was no exception to the rule. His judgment was sound, and his P. R. A. ship made appeal from the unlikely. Millais was to be a painter, and that fixed, and the next thing to be done was to chose his first master. Between 1820 and 1840 the best preparatory school for the Academy was kept by Henry Sass, a thrifty painter born in 1782 who had been unable to catch the fancy of patrons or the eye of the public. A fair idea of his mental limits may be gathered from the fact that at one time of his life he began a series of seven pictures on "The Seven Ages of Woman" (!). But Sass was a Squarcione in a small way. His pictures have disappeared—even the South Kensington catalogues know them not—but he was the first serious master of many boys who have won fame as men. Millais was sent to Sass's academy in the winter of 1838-39. He was then in his tenth year, and perhaps the youngest student in our modern centuries who ever began Art as a serious profession. Several of his companions under Sass are still living and remember him, as quite a little boy with a holland blouse and a belt and a falling collar. At eleven younger than either predecessor or successor he went to the academy; at thirteen he won a medal for a drawing from the antique; at fifteen he began to paint. During his career in the Academy school he carried off in turn every honour they had to bestow; and in 1846 he contributed to the annual exhibition a picture which was placed by a French critic on a level with the best historical work of the year. This, you may say, was no very high praise, but for a lad of seventeen to pass muster at all with a picture in which there are many violent action argues a very early maturity, to say the least. This picture of "Pizarro" was exhibited some few years ago in the galleries at South Kensington, now occupied by the India Museum. It was lent by the late Mr. Hodgkinson, Sir John Millais half-brother, to one of those annual shows which formed a sort of aftermath to the last great Exhibition. Those who saw it will remember it as a fair example of the kind of Art turned out by such men as Hilton, Briggs, and others, who are now more than half-forgotten. With it and a picture called "Elgiva," exhibited in 1847, we may take leave of Millais as a boy. In 1849 he blossomed out into the famous "Isabella," the picture signed with the sign of the P.R.B.'s which, after several vicissitudes, has found a last home in the Walker Art Gallery, at Liverpool.

LAST MOMENTS OF KING ALPHONSO.

THE Madrid correspondent of the *Standard* has received from an eyewitness the following account of the last moments of King Alphonso:—

When the Queens Christina and Isabella and the royal family arrived at El Pardo, the physicians allowed only Christina to enter the bedchamber. When it was decided to have a consultation of eminent physicians, the King absolutely refused, and the Queen and the Queen-Mother had both to implore him to permit the visit of the doctors. After the consultation he remarked, "But I must be worse when they do all this." He was not yet aware of the entire gravity of the situation, and at nightfall the royal family took leave of him apparently to return to Madrid, but they remained in the large ante-chamber close to his room, and there queen Isabella, the Montpensiers, and the Infants Isabella and Eulalia, sisters of the King passed the awful night waiting and praying, and doing their best to repress their audible sobs. At three in the morning the King felt symptoms of suffocation, and asked Dr. Camison for some medicine to relieve him. Hypodermic injections were effected, and he dozed off quietly, with only Queen Christina leaning at the head of the bed. Dr. Camison and Don Sexto sat a little apart, and all continued watching as the hours passed. At five another fit of suffocation came on, and was again relieved. The day broke gloomy and rainy; and as the other members of the royal family entered the sick room the King seemed a little quieter, but sadly weaker. Dr. Camison went out, and as his Majesty had expressed a desire to see his children, orders were telegraphed for them to be sent down immediately. The physicians now no longer concealed from the Royal family that the end was fast approaching, and Cardinal Benarides entered the Royal alcove and prepared the king for the final rites of the Church. At forty-five minutes past eight the king, who had always lain on his left side, feebly turned on his right, breathing with much effort, and his head inclining towards the shoulder of Queen Christina, who thus, quite unawares, received the last breath of her husband. Drs. Camison and Diedel at once suspected the truth, felt the pulse of Don Alphonso, and called all the members of the Royal family to the alcove. When Queen Christina became aware of her bereavement a wild cry of anguish burst from her lips. She shed no tear, but cried out "Alphonso, my Alphonso! Oh, God, he answered not. Alphonso!" Queen Isabella and both the Infantas sobbed outright, the Queen-Mother falling on her knees and crying, "My sonmy boy; holy Virgin, have mercy!" After the first burst of grief, the Duke of Montpensier and his son took Queen Isabella and the Infants away; but Queen Christina insisted upon remaining, and with her own hands dressed and laid out the remains of her husband. She moved about like a marble figure in silent grief, and when all was finished she called for flowers and strewed the bed and the body with them, and then knelt a long while by his side, until Cardinal Benarides, himself moved to tears, implored the Queen to go out and receive Senor Canovas and the Ministers, as it was her duty as Queen Regent to attend to State business.

The Queen Regent Christina has ordered the Court to go into mourning for six month and into half-mourning for another six months. All the Foreign Ambassadors have received orders by telegraph to express their deepest sympathies to the Queen and the royal family. Several crowned heads telegraphed direct to the widowed Queen, especially the German Emperor and Queen Victoria, whose kind messages caused great pleasure in the Palace. Most of the houses of the nobility in Madrid have shut half their doors, and many shops and theatres are closed until the funeral is over.

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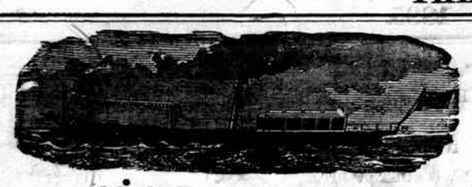

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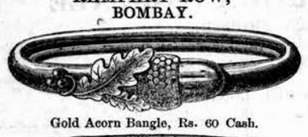

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